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U.S. poll kicks off with heavy turnout

NEW YORK (AP). — President Ronald Reagan and Democratic challenger Walter F. Mondale, offering Americans a choice between conservative domestic and foreign policies and a more liberal alternative, awaited judgement yesterday as millions of Americans voted for president, new members of Congress and numerous state and local officials.

Election officials across the country reported heavy voter turnout after most polls began opening at 6 a.m. (1 p.m. Israel time) on the East Coast.

Some polls in the west, three time zones away, were not to close until 6

a.m. today Israel time, but early results of the presidential race were expected by about 3 a.m.

Tiny Dixville Notch, New Hampshire, traditionally the first town in the country to cast ballots, voted at 7 a.m. yesterday 29-1 for Reagan.

Reagan, 73, the former movie star and one-time California governor, remained the strong favourite for another four-year term as he voted in tiny Solvang, California, near Santa Barbara. At campaign's end, he led in virtually every public opinion

poll and hoped for an unprecedented victory in all 50 states.

Mondale, 56, a former senator from Minnesota and vice-president under president Jimmy Carter, hoped for a sensational upset. He cast his ballot in his home town of North Oaks, Minnesota, then returned home to await results.

Mondale's running mate for vice-president, Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro, ended her historic race, calling it "a credible campaign

BULLETIN:

The ABC radio network reported at 1 a.m. Israel Time that Reagan's expected massive victory had drawn with it unexpectedly large gains for the Republicans in the House of Representatives.

All major networks predicted at that hour a heavy victory for Reagan — clear victories in 48 states and a slight lead in two: Minnesota and Maryland.

showing that women can run for national office.

The election included, besides the presidential contest, the races for all 435 members of the House of Representatives, 33 of the nation's 100 senators, governors of 13 of the 50 states, many state legislatures and countless local governments and referenda.

In the U.S. Senate, Democrats expected to dent a 55-45 Republican majority. Their best hope was in Tennessee, where Albert Gore Jr.

was favoured to win a seat being vacated by Republican majority leader Howard Baker.

Republican incumbents Roger Jepsen in Iowa, Charles Percy of Illinois and Jesse Helms of North Carolina were in close contests, while Republicans hoped for upsets in West Virginia, Kentucky and Nebraska.

In the House of Representatives, where Democrats hold a 266-167 majority, with two seats vacant, Republicans hoped to gain ground. Re-

publican leaders conceded they would not gain numerical control, but looked for gains of 25 seats or so.

Combined with the support of conservative Democrats, that could give Reagan, if elected, a "working majority" for his second term legislation. Fifty-four House Democrats and 14 Republicans were certain winners, with no opposition.

To make their cases, the candidates and the parties spent lavishly. The Federal Election Commission, which monitors spending, estimated the price-tag on campaigning for federal offices would top \$1 billion. Another estimate set the cost of federal and local campaigns at \$1.8b.

Murphy to continue shuttle on Lebanon

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy will continue his low-profile shuttling between Damascus, Jerusalem and Beirut while the direct Israel-Lebanon military talks take place at Unifil headquarters in Nakoura. This emerged from a meeting yesterday between Murphy and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Tel Aviv.

Earlier this week Murphy met with Syrian Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam in Damascus. But Israeli sources said yesterday there had been no significant shift in the positions of the parties. He spoke of Syria's readiness-in-principle to consider withdrawal and security arrangements in South Lebanon, and its rejection of several of Israel's

specific proposals for such arrangements.

The military talks with Lebanon are due to begin tomorrow, and the Israeli sources said yesterday they expected them to start as scheduled, subject to the Beirut cabinet's approving them at its meeting today.

Reports reaching Israel yesterday indicated that Lebanon had settled on the religious composition of its six-man military delegation: two Sunni officers, two Shi'ites, a Christian and a Druse.

The Israeli sources stressed the importance they attached to the ongoing low-profile American diplomacy. They said the key decisions would almost certainly be made on this level, though their formal endorsement would come at Nakoura.



Prime Minister Peres, accompanied by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, talks to a shopper yesterday at a Kiryat Hayovel supermarket. (Story below) (Isaac Harari)

IDF crosses Awali

Jerusalem Post Staff

An Israel Defence Forces unit of tanks and armoured troop carriers yesterday crossed the Awali River northward towards the Druse villages at the foot of Jebel Barukh. The action was intended to prevent terrorists from taking up positions in the area and from moving southward to IDF-held territory.

In recent months, terrorists have been reported to be taking up positions in Druse areas of the Shouf mountains and the Jebel Barukh region, launching attacks from there into South Lebanon. Terrorist groups, mainly Shi'ites, reportedly smuggle explosives into South Lebanon at night on foot.

Dozens of terrorists who reached South Lebanon from the Druse areas have been killed in recent weeks in exchanges with the IDF.

In another development, the commander of the civil guard unit in the town of Tibnit, near Nabatiya in South Lebanon, was killed yesterday. The commander, Mohammed Dabacha, and his bodyguard were killed when light-arms fire was directed from close range at the car in which they were travelling.

Various sources in South Lebanon said last night that civil guardsmen, South Lebanon Army soldiers and anyone linked to the IDF in South Lebanon have all increasingly been the target of enemy attacks recently.

A petition calling on Israel not to abandon South Lebanon residents who have been in contact with the IDF began to circulate in Lebanon yesterday. The petition was signed mainly by Christians in Akilim and Harub, north of the Awali River, and in the Jezzine area.

Gromyko's missile charge denied

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent

Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir revealed yesterday that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had accused Israel of stationing Pershing nuclear missiles on its soil, aimed at the Soviet Union.

Briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday, Shamir said he had indignantly rejected this charge, levelled by Gromyko at their recent meeting at the UN General Assembly in New York.

Shamir said that whereas every effort should be made to promote ties with the Soviet Union, Israel would never agree to calling an international conference on the Middle

East, as the Soviet Union had proposed.

He told the committee: "As long as the Soviet Union refuses to restore diplomatic relations with Israel, I do not see how it can play any role at all to make peace possible in our region."

Shamir said that in any Middle East peace conference Israel would be in a minority, and the proceedings would degenerate into a fruitless symposium. But at the same time, Israel was doing all it could to maintain a dialogue with the Soviet Union and to try to understand the Soviet point of view. He said he rejected Gromyko's call to set up a "small Palestine Arab state."

Committee chairman Abba Eban said that both the Soviet Union and Israel had an interest in improving

their mutual relations, but the obligations to restore diplomatic ties lay on the Soviet Union, which was responsible for their rupture.

Committee members made the following points among others:

Shevah Weiss (Labour): We must encourage Spain to set up diplomatic ties with Israel before it enters the European Community.

Yosef Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement): Even if the rest of the world is hypocritical about South Africa, we have to be a little more sensitive.

Rafael Eitan (Tehiya): If Jordan wants peace, all it need do is put a tiny table and two chairs in the middle of the Allenby Bridge over the river, and sign. And if that doesn't suit Jordan, who cares?

Israel preparing aid for black Africa

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel will send emergency food and medical equipment to Ethiopia, Chad and other African countries where thousands of people are suffering from hunger and disease, a Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

The official said the aid will be sent to countries that have no diplomatic relations with Israel "on a humanitarian basis."

He said the assistance would be provided through the U.S. Presidential Task Force on International Private Enterprise. He said Israel was invited in October to join the group,

which provides technical aid to Third World countries.

He declined to say how much aid Israel will send.

In the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday, Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in reply to a question from Labour Knesset Member Jacques Amir that "the government is sending the food and medicine to alleviate the suffering caused by the drought and famine in black Africa."

Walter Ruby adds from New York: Israel's ambassador to the UN

announced in the General Assembly on Monday that Israel has prepared a shipment of high-protein foodstuffs and medication to be sent at once to Ethiopia and other famine-stricken areas in Africa.

In his remarks, delivered during a debate on the worsening economic situation in East Africa, Binyamin Netanyahu said that in addition to direct government aid, a public campaign would be organized in Israel to collect food, clothing and medication.

Meanwhile, Israeli peace crusader Abie Nathan has flown to Ethiopia to offer private assistance.

Knesset to sweep racism out of House

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent

Knesset Speaker Shimon Peres got a green light from the House Committee yesterday to sweep racism out of the Knesset.

Even before the House rules are formally amended, the committee empowered Hillel to strike racist remarks from the record, to expel a

Knesset member from the chamber for uttering such remarks, and to prevent racist draft legislation from being tabled as a private member's bill.

Kach MK Meir Kahane, who feels himself the target of the new curbs, issued a vitriolic statement in reaction to the House Committee decision.

He said that the late U.S. Sen. Joe McCarthy's onslaughts on democracy "pale by comparison with what Hillel is doing in his blind hatred of Kahane."

He said: "Hillel has now lined up alongside Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality MK), the Communist representative of Moscow."

Wakf wants Border Police off Temple Mount

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

and DAVID RICHARDSON

Jerusalem Post Reporters

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev yesterday sent a letter to the Supreme Moslem Council in Jerusalem in an effort to prevent a general strike called by the council for Saturday.

The council issued the call to protest against the stationing of Border Policemen on the Temple Mount and to make several demands regarding the police station at the holy site.

Bar-Lev's letter promises that "the Border Police, as part of the State of Israel's police force, is assigned to protect public order... and therefore will not be removed from the mount... (but) the appropriate orders will be given to guarantee proper behaviour."

Wakf (Moslem Trust) officials yesterday complained of unruly and

surly Border Policemen, and of disrespectful behaviour that included eating, lounging and playing radios loud on the mount.

Border Policemen are posted at the main gates to the mount but are not to patrol the mount compound, except when there are demonstrations or other disturbances.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that Bar-Lev has requested a full-scale report from Southern District police commander Avraham Turge-man about the police station on the mount.

The Wakf objects to the Israeli flag and other symbols in the police station. They are hoping that Bar-Lev will appoint a Moslem police officer to head the station.

The Post has learned that such an appointment is unlikely. But it is possible that the police will change the command of the local office,

Ever since the appointment of the current commander on the mount there have been tensions between the police and the Wakf.

City Hall meanwhile was "perplexed" by the call for a strike. According to high-ranking municipal sources, at a meeting last month held by Bar-Lev with the Wakf in the presence of Mayor Teddy Kollek it was agreed that if any problem regarding the police on the mount comes up, the Wakf could turn directly to Kollek or to the police.

In the past, when Wakf officials have complained about the police on the mount, the authorities have discounted the complaints as exaggerated or politically motivated.

Yesterday, however, al-Fajr printed a picture on its front page showing policemen inside the compound and their lack of decorum was obvious.

Erosion claim can hold 90 days says Histadrut

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut is prepared to wait until the end of the three-month price and wage freeze before receiving compensation for past wage erosion, labour federation sources said yesterday.

Histadrut and employers' representatives met yesterday to begin the review of the private-sector wage agreement signed last June. No decisions were reached and it was decided that the two sides would meet again within a few days.

The agreement provided for a review in October and the payment of compensation if wage erosion could be proved. However, employers' representatives have made it clear that they are not prepared to pay compensation during the freeze period.

Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld told the employers' delegation that the

Histadrut is adamant that all existing work agreements be honoured. The concessions made by the workers as part of the package deal apply only to the next three months, he said.

He called for the continuation of the talks, based on wage-erosion statistics to be supplied by both sides. The sources said the Histadrut would probably be prepared to wait until after the freeze for payment of the compensation, if the principle could be agreed on.

The employers' team, led by Manufacturers Association work committee chairman Uzi Natanel, said that the issue of wage erosion should be discussed only at the end of February, when the freeze ends. Nevertheless, they agreed to continue the talks.

The national secretariat of the country's labour councils yesterday approved the package deal and expressed support for the Histadrut negotiators. The secretariat decided to mobilize volunteers to serve as price monitors.

VAT is adjusted in list of frozen prices

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Within 24 hours of publishing its list of fixed prices for goods and services arising out of the economic package deal, the government was forced to prepare a revised list, which is appearing in this morning's newspapers (pages 5,6).

The revisions were necessitated because officials had neglected to calculate value added tax for about 30 items, including certain food staples.

The price list also caused some confusion in shops because the government set some considerably higher levels than they had been before the price freeze.

Yehoshua Forer, director-general of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, admitted that VAT had been overlooked in the sugar price, and that there may have been a similar error in the pricing of rice.

As for the irony that some prices are higher on the list than at the shops, Forer said: "There is no error here. Our objective when we prepared the list was not only to restrain prices but also to ensure that everyday items would not disappear from the shelves. By giving merchants some leeway, we could attain that objective."

"Nobody can expect inflation to be halted within the first week of this three-month package deal. Rather, let us see what happens at the end of three months."

The government said last night that of the approximately 400 prices on the original list, about 30 were in error in respect to VAT, but that "fewer than 10" adjustments would be necessary for the consumer.

Israel TV said yesterday evening that the Trade Ministry had withdrawn its original price list and re-

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Peres checks prices at local supermarket

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Peres, accompanied by phalanxes of officials, security men and reporters, yesterday roamed the aisles of the Superol supermarket in Jerusalem's Kiryat Hayovel neighbourhood "to listen to what the people think about the economy."

It wasn't easy. The security men first had to clear the shop to check it out, because the previous day word of Peres's visit to the neighbourhood had got out after the store had been informed. Then journalists outnumbered the market's workers and customers combined. The officials — from Peres's office, from the Trade Ministry, from City Hall (including Mayor Teddy Kollek) — were numerous as well.

Peres clutched a folded copy of the new government-printed price list. He would approach a shopper bewildered by the cameramen tripping backwards over pyramids of dry goods, and seek the shopper's comments.

"Are you comparing prices?" the premier would ask. The shopper more often as not was not sure what Peres was talking about. The price lists were to be published in the afternoon newspapers, which would begin to arrive only an hour later in Kiryat Hayovel, a middle-class neighbourhood with a diverse population.

But the premier would plunge on with his questions, asking: "How many are there in your family?" and "How do you manage — if I may ask a personal question?"

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No power today for water pumping

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Israel Electric Corporation announced yesterday that it will cut power today to pumping stations supplying drinking water to residents in the country's north and central regions.

The IEC spokesman said the decision was taken after the Mekorot water company failed to fulfil its promise to pay two-thirds of its IS3.6 billion bill to the corporation.

The disconnections are likely to disrupt water supplies to residents in

the Krayot area north of Haifa, and in Holon and Bat Yam.

"We are forced to take this step and we do so with deep regret," the IEC spokesman said.

Mekorot's director-general, Ze'ev Ashkenazi, told The Jerusalem Post last night that the finance minister had promised to transfer funds to the water company to enable it to pay its debts. He hoped the minister would fulfil his promise and that the threatened disconnections would not be necessary.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres shakes hands with Jose Rodriguez de la Barbolia, the chief minister of the Andalusia region in Spain, at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. Barbolia is here on an official visit along with his ministers of agriculture and economics aimed at establishing joint agricultural cooperation projects. (Rahamim Israeli)

Miri Herzog to be buried in Gedera cemetery today

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Miri Herzog, the 17-year-old Gedera girl who was apparently murdered in the Sinai Desert some six months ago, will be buried at 11 a.m. today in the Gedera cemetery.

Herzog's body, which was returned by the Egyptians Monday after months of efforts by the family and by diplomats, was positively identified yesterday by police pathologists Ben-Zion B'ch.

"We have been through the seven stages of hell, and tomorrow it's going to be all over," Miri's mother, Aliza Herzog, told The Jerusalem Post.

Bloch's team of 10 pathology ex-

perts identified the body according to the structure of the skull, the teeth, the fingerprints, hair colour and height. Due to the deteriorated state of the body, it was impossible to determine the cause of death.

Following Herzog's disappearance, rumours said she had been raped and murdered by Egyptian soldiers or policemen. Her body was found buried in the sand dunes of Nisiba.

Herzog's sister, Orit Sofer, crossed the border at Tabu in August and identified Herzog's body by the accompanying jewelry and clothing.

Bloch examined the body several weeks ago, and determined it to be that of a young girl. But the Egyptians maintained that the body was that of a 60-year-old woman.

Meetings with Egyptian diplomats finally obtained the Egyptians' consent to transfer the body to Israel this week.

At the Tabu crossing Monday morning, Egyptian officials, including the Egyptian consul in Eilat, Hassan Isa, repeated that the body was that of a 60-year-old woman.

Bulletin

SEIGE IN CHILE

Chilean President Augusto Pinochet imposed a state of siege throughout Chile to counter an upsurge in violence against his 11-year-old military government. He also reinstated his outgoing cabinet with only two minor changes.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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AMSTERDAM	4	29	11	25	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	2	36	12	54	Rain
BUEENOS AIRES	2	36	12	54	Rain
CHICAGO	1	30	4	39	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	3	41	9	49	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	3	37	9	49	Cloudy
GENEVA	2	36	9	49	Cloudy
HELSINKI	5	41	8	49	Cloudy
HONG KONG	23	73	77	77	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	15	29	36	79	Rain
LONDON	7	45	14	57	Rain
MADRID	5	41	14	57	Cloudy
MONTREAL	7	39	11	41	Cloudy
NEW YORK	5	39	21	78	Cloudy
OSLO	8	33	24	39	Cloudy
PARIS	6	40	14	77	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	78	38	86	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	18	77	37	83	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	9	42	17	52	Cloudy
TOKYO	12	54	20	60	Cloudy
TORONTO	7	37	12	44	Cloudy
VIENNA	4	39	9	43	Cloudy
ZURICH	2	36	9	43	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.			
	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	49	13-19	20
Golan	58	14-20	20
Nahariya	49	11-18	19
Safed	53	18-24	23
Haifa Port	55	14-24	23
Tiberias	55	14-25	26
Nazareth	49	13-23	24
Afula	50	10-26	26
Shomron	56	11-22	23
Tel Aviv	66	14-22	23
B-G Airport	60	12-24	24
Jericho	48	14-27	27
Gaza	71	14-23	25
Beersheba	44	10-24	24
Eilat	52	16-30	29

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Righteous Gentiles Irena and Henryk Grabowski, who let a Jewish underground group use their Warsaw home to store arms during the German occupation, met with Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and Deputy Speaker Chaika Grossman at the Knesset yesterday.

Tan Augustin, a member of the Singapore parliament and an economics professor, met with Knesset Member Uriel Linn at the Knesset yesterday.

Rotarian Dr. Paul Brown will speak on "Psychiatry: Current Trends and Myths Unveiled" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. in the YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting in the Nof hotel at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Elmer Winter, Chairman of the Committee of Economic Growth of Israel, founder of "Manpower" and past-president of A.J.C., for two weeks of consultations with businessmen and industrialists on expanding exports and investment prospects.

Slow devaluation

The Treasury and the Bank of Israel continued yesterday with a slow devaluation of the shekel of 0.2 per cent against the dollar. The representative rate of the dollar was IS530.01.

According to economic observers, the Treasury and the Bank of Israel may be forced in the coming days to re-examine their interest-rate policies if they persist in devaluing the shekel so slowly. Since interest rates are set at from 15.5 to 17.5 per cent, it will be very difficult to maintain a wide discrepancy between the devaluation rate and the rate of interest, as interest rates in real terms will become prohibitively high.

The Treasury is still unsure how the package deal will affect tax revenue. Ministry officials said yesterday that they expect to lose some \$50 million in import and purchases taxes due to lower sales during the coming months. However, the officials said that the income of the tax authorities will not be eroded by inflation as it has been in recent months, and that this will offset a large part of the drop in revenue.

Reshet Gimmel begins FM stereo broadcasts

Kol Yisrael radio has begun broadcasting its Third Programme (Reshet Gimmel) in FM stereo, using a new broadcasting station, the Bezek company announced yesterday. The FM broadcasts will be at 97.8 megahertz in the centre of the country.

WELCOME TO ISRAEL
Mr. Erwin Riven and wife Carol, of Stamford, Conn., first vice-president and resident manager of the Shearson-American Express brokerage house.
Mr. Marvin Bender and wife Arlene, of Orlando, Fla., president of the Pacific Palm and Pool Construction Co.
Mr. Philip Bloom and Mr. Perry Stolberg, of B & S Realty, Boston, Mass.
BON VOYAGE
Mrs. Shoshana Schreiber, on her trip to New York for the winter. Mrs. Schreiber is one of Jerusalem's most gracious hostesses. We look forward to her return.
The Captain Yehiel and Ruth Glosky Hospitality Foundation Fund, 1 Mapu Street, Jerusalem. AD501-01/2

Tomorrow - Civil Defence Exercise in the Ramle area
A Civil Defence exercise will be held in the Ramle area tomorrow, Thursday, November 8, between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.
During the course of the exercise there will be simulated firing and explosions, and the all clear will be sounded. In the case of an actual alert, sirens will be sounded on an ascending scale. AD597-01/2

HOME NEWS

Likud coalition coming apart at the seams

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Likud may be losing its coalition partners: Shas is threatening to leave the government over the controversy with the National Religious Party about the Interior and Religious Affairs Ministries; Agudat Yisrael is furious that it will not get control of the Social Affairs Ministry; and calls within the Liberal Party to leave the Likud are getting stronger.

Likud leader Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir yesterday met with Shas and Agudat Yisrael representatives to discuss each party's demands, and apparently reached a dead end in discussions with both of them.

Shas, disappointed by the Likud's failure to keep its promise to give it either the Religious Affairs or the Interior portfolio - both these ministries are demanded by the NRP - threatened to leave the government and to "draw political conclusions for the future."

Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz told Shamir that at the meeting of Shas's council of Torah Sages scheduled for tomorrow, he will insist on breaking its partnership with the Likud.

Shamir reiterated his promise to secure one of the portfolios for Shas, but could not set a date for this. "We've heard that many times before," Peretz replied. "We cannot

let this degradation continue." Agudat Yisrael demanded that Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Menahem Porush be given full control of the Social Affairs portfolio but the Likud has no intention of allowing this, it was learned.

Shamir also met with Tami's Aaron Abuhazzeira yesterday, but could not offer Tami anything substantial. As a result, Tami will probably not be joining the Likud in a coalition.

Meanwhile, the demands by Liberal Party circles to break up the Likud and form an independent faction, which may join the Alignment Party, are becoming stronger and will be discussed at tomorrow's

meetings of the party's executive committee.

Herut Secretariat chairman Yoram Aridor will propose at the secretariat's meeting tomorrow to appoint a committee to be headed by Shamir to examine the relations between Herut and the Liberals. This was decided upon at a meeting yesterday between Liberal-faction chairwoman Sarah Doron and Shamir.

Doron told Shamir that the Liberal faction decided last week to appoint a committee of the four Liberal ministers, Pessah Gruper and herself to renegotiate the 1965 Gahal agreement which establishes the power-sharing arrangement between Herut and the Liberals.

In wake of Sharon's trip to U.S.

House unit to discuss ministers' journeys abroad

By ASHER WALLFISH and AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The Knesset State Control Committee decided yesterday to discuss the procedures whereby the cabinet approves ministers' trips abroad and pays for them.

The decision came in the light of charges by Mapam Knesset Member Yair Tzaban that the cabinet's agreement to lay out \$10,000 of the taxpayers' money for industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon and his wife, Lily, to go to the U.S. in

connection with Sharon's libel suit against Time magazine was improper.

Tzaban said: "I have heard stories about cabinet ministers getting a first-class air ticket and trading it in for two economy class tickets so that their wives can come along."

On this Alignment MK Aharon Harel commented: "That constitutes a criminal offence. I have heard of somebody who did that with his ticket and landed himself a court conviction instead."

This week's trip to New York by Sharon - during which he will confer with his attorneys - is being paid for by the government, a Sharon aide confirmed yesterday.

He told The Jerusalem Post that Sharon, who left Monday morning, will use his time abroad to meet with potential investors in Israeli industry. He had already met with some of them in London and Zurich, on his way to the U.S., and yesterday had already held meetings with would-be investors in New York.

The aide refused to identify the interested investors without their permission or describe the types of businesses they are considering for investment purposes. However, he added that "the prime minister is very much aware of these meetings, and in a few of them he - the premier - was the initiator."

The aide said there was nothing unusual in Mrs. Sharon's accompanying her husband on a state-paid trip since it is a cabinet minister's prerogative to take his spouse along on official journeys.

Haifa municipal employees strike for their salaries

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The strike by the city's municipal workers is set to enter its second day today with no prospects for an early settlement on the horizon.

The Interior Ministry announced yesterday that there was no basis to Mayor Arye Gurel's assertion that it owes the municipality IS1 billion.

Gurel yesterday demanded that the ministry transfer the money to City Hall together with a further IS600 million earmarked for municipal salaries, which he said is owed by the Finance Ministry.

In a cable to the ministries yesterday, Gurel said delays in receiving the money had forced him to take out loans at high rates of interest.

But the Interior Ministry said yesterday that it had already bailed out the municipality on one occasion and was not prepared to do so again.

In addition, Haifa had failed to drastically reduce its budget.

The effects of the strike by the 4,600 municipal workers are already being felt by Haifans.

Youngsters were sent home early from kindergartens yesterday and there is a danger that the kindergartens will close completely, said Moshe Sharoni, the Municipal Works Committee chairman.

Sharoni said garbage would soon begin piling up in the streets and repairs to water and sewage pipes would be delayed.

The works committee decided, however, to exempt the 800-man staff of the city's Rothschild Hospital from the strike, to avoid harming

patients who have been waiting for operations.

Meanwhile, 210 local council workers in Umm al-Fahm informed council head Hashim Mahmud that they will begin a sit-down strike this morning opposite council headquarters.

The workers, who intend to include their wives and children in their public protest, have been on strike for the last month because they have not received their October salaries.

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was planted by criminals. A fellow nurse at Wolfson, who asked not to be identified, said that Sabag's husband, who owns a furniture shop, had refused several times to pay protection money and that the killing was for his refusal.

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Haifa court okays IS200m. for Ata

HAIFA (Itim). - The Haifa District Court yesterday agreed to provide the Ata textile concern and its marketing organization, Teta, a provisional budget of IS200 million to enable them to continue immediate operations. The request was made by the companies' receivers and managers, advocates Yoel Salomon and Lippe Meir.

This sum does not cover payment of October wages to the companies' workers.

Salomon and Meir told the court that this sum would be provided by

the government, which has budgeted the equivalent of \$1 million, to be charged as expenditures of the receivers. An additional \$500,000 has also been provided by the Bank Leumi, which is the main creditor of the two companies.

Judge Eliezer Barr also approved the receivers' plan for the immediate operation of the two companies. He also approved among others, the payment of \$50,000 to suppliers in England for the release of goods worth \$300,000 intended for Marks and Spencer. (Earlier story, p. 3)

Knesset unit meets Maof delegation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee met a delegation of Maof workers yesterday and the company's bankruptcy is expected to come up in motions to the Knesset agenda today. The workers plan to demonstrate outside the Knesset at 11 a.m. today to press for help to the carrier.

More than 10,000 Maof tickets and subscription plans had been sold to travel agents and the public - but not used - when the airline

announced its bankruptcy last Friday. Transport Minister Haim Corfu told reporters in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Corfu said 1,300 Israelis who travelled abroad before the airline went bankrupt must be returned to El Al and Arkia. About 1,000 tourists here also have to be given other means of getting home.

Their fares were covered by a bond Maof had placed with the Civil Aviation Administration.

Tel Aviv basketballers vanquish Dutch rivals

By DON GOULD
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Hapoel Tel Aviv basketball team got over early-game jitters and went on to crush Habsbergen of Holland 112-84 last night before a packed house at the Ussishkin Stadium here.

Hapoel broke away from a 30-all tie with 6½ minutes left to play in the first half and had a 51-42 lead at intermission. The eventual winners

poured it on in the second half, and Coach Yehoshua Rosen cleared his bench. Hapoel's attack was led by Mike Large with 25 points, Willie Sims with 24 points, and Lavone Mercer with 22 points. Eugene Richardson gained scoring honours for the opposition with 27 points.

As a result of the victory, Hapoel Tel Aviv now moves up to the quarter-final round of the European Cup Winner's Cup competition.

ADJUSTED LIST

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placed it with one giving substantially higher prices. This was strenuously denied by Forer who demanded a retraction, saying the ministry would sue for libel if this were not done.

In Jerusalem, a shopkeepers' spokesman claimed that one section of the price freeze order "is so unreasonably vague that there is a possibility that 95 per cent of the country's merchants are presumed to be violators of the law."

The section is the one that defines the terms used in the order, and the definition he mentioned was that of "new product." It is characterized as "a product not sold in Israel before these regulations were issued (November 3) or that had not been sold by a person in the three months preceding the determining date (November 2)."

In the body of the regulations, Section II 3 b reads: "A person shall not sell a new product without first receiving approval of the sales price from the Price Commissioner, in writing."

The spokesman said: "We don't know whether this rule was intended for importers, local manufacturers or retailers - the regulations do not specify. But it is obviously impossible to operate a jewelry, clothing or shoe shop for three months without receiving and selling new products."

"Why, this year's winter fashions are being delivered right now to the boutiques - fashions never seen before. As new products, these items may technically not be put on sale until the Price Commissioner ex-

amines them and approves or disapproves the shopkeeper's price. But how long will it take the Commissioner to study and decide on tens of thousands of applications for price approval?"

In a minimarket in Jerusalem's Jaffa Road, the owners were delighted to learn that the prices of several items as designated in the list were much higher than those charged at the shop.

One of these items was tinned corn. While the price list allows it to be sold at IS786 per 560-gram tin, the shop had been selling it for a little over half that price.

But at many other grocery shops around the country, disputes erupted when grocers pointed out that the prescribed prices for sugar and rice were incorrect.

In Tel Aviv, the processed-food division of the Manufacturers Association pledged to maintain the price restrictions imposed by the government, "and to see that both our suppliers and the stores that sell our products observe the restrictions as well."

A special headquarters is being set up to handle complaints from the public or from stores against wholesalers. The food processors will send "inspectors" to verify the complaints, and if necessary will report the matter to the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

To help its customers, the division said it will shortly publish a detailed price list of hundreds of items. This will be supplementary to the government's list.



Housing Minister David Levy passes out hugs and kisses at Sderot, in the Negev, where he went yesterday to encourage the Ethiopian immigrants there and see firsthand their living conditions. He promised that his ministry would

GSS knew of bus bomb plot for hours

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The General Security Services knew about the plan to plant bombs on five Arab-owned buses several hours before it was to be executed last April. This was disclosed by a GSS agent identified as "Johnny" during his testimony yesterday on the Jewish terror trial in the Jerusalem District Court.

According to the agent, who headed the GSS investigation team in the North, he and several colleagues were briefed about the impending operation and handed the orders to arrest alleged members of the organization before midnight on Thursday, April 19, in advance of the actual planting of the explosive charges under the buses early on Friday morning.

The agent was testifying during the mini-trial on the admissibility of confessions by 16 of the 20 defendants in the trial. His evidence was heard in camera and the protocols were subsequently made available to the press.

Another GSS witness yesterday, identified as "Itzik," said that he had acted as an information conduit between the interrogation teams and GSS headquarters where the information was analyzed.

According to defence advocate Dan Avitzhak, who is not an interrogator, "Itzik" played a crucial role in breaking the defendants by presenting them with information and evidence that appeared to indicate that the GSS knew everything there was to know about them.

Avi-Yitzhak asked "Itzik" if he recalled telling one of the defendants, Barak Nir, about a meeting between himself and his brother Shaul at the Sheraton Hotel where they discussed the plan to attack the Islamic University in Hebron. The GSS said he did not.

Avi-Yitzhak was challenged by Judge Ya'akov Bazak, the president of the bench, whether the use of such methods during an interrogation was unacceptable.

The advocate replied that, by itself, such a trick was not unacceptable. But if it was accompanied by threats and staged demonstrations indicating that the detainee was no more than putty in the hands of his all-knowing interrogators, this could

bring someone to confess matters which might not be true.

The agent went on to testify about the interrogation of another of the defendants, Uzi Sharabaf - son-in-law to Hebron leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger.

Sharabaf was at first extremely reluctant to cooperate and reveal where bombs had been planted. The head of the interrogation team in Jerusalem - an agent known as "Visa" - began to shout and, tapping his false leg, said, "My colleagues will be injured, and it will go hard for you if you don't talk." Sharabaf was very disturbed and panicky at this stage of the investigation, the witness said.

The trial continues today.

Likud agrees to new areas sub-committee, Linn to chair

The Likud Knesset faction has agreed for the first time to the Alignment's proposal to form a subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee to deal with military government and the civil administration's operations in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

The subcommittee is composed of three Alignment Knesset Members - Amnon Linn (chairman), Deputy Agriculture Minister Avraham Katz-Oz and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer - and three Likud-affiliated MKs: Michael Dekel (Likud), Haim Druckman (Morasha) and Rafael Eitan (Tehiya).

Linn told *The Jerusalem Post* that in addition to the subcommittee keeping an eye on the state agencies in the areas, it would also establish contact with Jewish and Arab residents.

"Linn said that, in the past, the Alignment had envisaged a subcommittee charged with handling 'the areas' - a term that upset the Likud.

IN THE KNESSET

By Asher Wallfish and Aryeh Rubinstein

However, it was ready to serve on a subcommittee dealing with "operations" in the areas.

Water price adjustment
Water prices will be subject to more rapid increases under an amendment to the Water Law presented for its first reading yesterday by Deputy Agriculture Minister Avraham Katz-Oz.

Water prices are now fixed once a year, in April, after examination of all their components. In the course of the year they are changed when electricity rates go up, in a ratio of 0.6 per cent for every 1 per cent increase in electricity rates.

But while electricity rates are frequently raised retroactively, water need not await gazetting, water

prices take effect only after gazetting.

The amendment will close the time-gap between the rises in electricity rates and those for water by having the latter take effect, apparently even retroactively, as soon as the minister signs a directive so ordering.

However, the minister must first consult with the Water Council and get the approval of the joint committee (composed of members of the finance and economic committees) that deals with the subject.

The price increases will still have to be gazetted, but that will no longer delay the effective date of the new rates.

Knesset salary cuts

Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) wants the Knesset to end the semi-annual adjustment of MKs' salaries to the average wage in the economy. This adjustment is in addition to the monthly or quarterly cost-of-living increment, which is paid to MKs on a par with all other wage-earners.

Virshubski instead proposes that MKs' salaries be linked to the periodic framework agreements reached on the pay of workers in the public sector. He has requested House Committee chairman Michael Reiser to schedule a debate on this.

Only when the public-sector framework agreement has expired and six months elapse without a new one being signed would MKs' salaries be linked to the average wage on December 1, 1983.

Statistics previously circulated by Virshubski showed that linkage to the average wage is highly desirable. MKs' salaries so linked rose by 832 per cent from April 1981 to October 1983, whereas those of grade-22 civil servants with maximum seniority rose by 707 per cent.

Virshubski would apply his plan to the other public officials such as judges, ministers, and deputy ministers whose salaries are also linked to the average wage.

Corfu says bus rates frozen, no final word on car imports

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Transport Minister Haim Corfu said here yesterday that bus fares will not rise during the three months of the package-deal price freeze.

Speaking to journalists, Corfu said that bus fares had been scheduled to go up by 24 per cent next week. He said that the bus-fare subsidy would continue to be covered by the government. Egged is receiving

about IS5 billion per month in government subsidies and Dan about IS2b. At present, the government subsidizes fares by 140 per cent.

The Transport Ministry's total subsidy for this year is IS33b.

Corfu said, however, that the government is not planning to subsidize taxi fares, trucking haulage rates, or driving-instruction fees. He said that the prices of these services would also be frozen. He said, however, that he might be prepared to discuss

a rate rise during the next three months.

Corfu said that new car prices were frozen according to the list prices of November 2 but that legal advisers in his office were checking into questions raised by car importers. They could not freeze car prices as they must pay to the dollar value of the cars in shekels on the day they are released from customs.

The car importers are threatening to stop imports if this matter is not

resolved immediately.

Corfu said that he does not have funds for new roads, and once the Ayalon project in Tel Aviv is completed in several years, his ministry will be able to tackle other projects. With funds gleaned from the Public Works Department, work on five of the country's 13 "ultra-dangerous" roads is being carried out this year.

He also said that budgets had been increased and not decreased to wage the battle against road accidents.

Localities begin adopting Prisoners of Zion

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Initiators of a Soviet Jewry solidarity week at Alon Shvut in the Etzion Bloc yesterday sharply criticized the government for "its failure to give sufficient attention to the plight of Russian Jews."

In the presence of Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and Knesset Member Menahem Hacohen, local coun-

cil head Shilo Gal urged the government to encourage every locality in the country to adopt a Prisoner of Zion. This is the only way to properly raise public consciousness of what is happening to Jews in the Soviet Union, he said.

Moscow Hebrew teacher Yuli Edelstein was formally adopted by Alon Shvut on Friday night and assigned a seat of honour in the front

row of the town's synagogue. No one will occupy the seat while Edelstein remains in the USSR. Edelstein, who has been a refusenik since 1978, was arrested two months ago and charged with possessing narcotics. People close to him say that the drugs were planted in his apartment by the KGB.

Earlier in the year, Hebrew teacher and computer engineer Alexander Kholmiansky was arrested. He has been adopted by Kibbutz Rosh Tzurim, also in the Etzion Bloc.

The National Council for Soviet Jewry announced yesterday that Kholmiansky's trial, which was to have started yesterday, has been indefinitely postponed.

Ya'acov Levin, under arrest for allegedly slandering the Soviet state and social system, has been adopted by nearby Kibbutz Migdal Oz. Hillel, who played a major role in bringing Jews from Moslem countries to Israel, was optimistic that the Soviet authorities would eventually allow more Jews to come to Israel. "No one," he said, "believed that the Arab governments would permit a Jewish exodus, but they did, and Russia will do so, too."

Hacohen, who was a member of a Knesset delegation that three years ago met with Aliya activists in Russia, declared that he sometimes gets the feeling that "we don't give prop-

er expression to the struggle between David and someone much stronger than Goliath."

Yuli Edelstein was among the activists whom Hacohen met on a snowy winter's night to deliver an envelope entrusted to him in Jerusalem. Hacohen did not know what it contained, and was surprised when Edelstein unfolded a Hebrew University curriculum for the 5743 academic year. When Hacohen asked why he was so excited by the curriculum, Edelstein replied: "I'm going to Israel. I have to prepare my study programme." This was not a sign of naivete, said Hacohen, "but an affirmation of faith."

MK Geula Cohen deplored the government's shelving three days ago of the debate on Soviet Jewry, due to the negotiations on the economic package deal. "We cannot permit the problems of the State of Israel, which was established as the Jewish homeland, to block out the problems of Jews who do not live here," Cohen declared.

Ruth Lapidot, head of the National Council for the Advancement of the Status of Women, has appealed to all women MKs to send birthday greetings to Ida Milgrom, the mother of Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shcharansky. Milgrom, who lives in Moscow, marks her 77th birthday tomorrow.



Studying a poster showing Prisoner of Zion Yuli Edelstein yesterday at a solidarity meeting for Soviet Jews at Alon Shvut are (left to right) MK Menahem Hacohen, Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and Knesset Sergeant-at-arms Yitzhak Ben-Gal. (Dan Landau)

Gibor to purchase Ata if government does its part

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - The Gibor textile firm will buy the failing Ata textile concern if the government helps the textile industry in general and covers Ata's losses, now running at about \$100 million a month. Gibor will announce its decision next week. *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

Gibor's own investigation into Ata's present state and future prospects is nearing completion and a full report will be put before Gibor's president Gershon Rozov on Sunday.

Rozov told *The Post* that he will make his decision after seeing the report. The results of the inquiry thus far are said to be fairly encouraging.

Much will also depend on the ability of Ata's newly appointed receivers to implement recommendations of the Industry Ministry's inquiry team.

These call for streamlining the company by reducing certain operations, with the dismissal of up to 736 workers of Ata and its retail subsidiary, Teta.

Four hundred of the dismissals would be at Ata's main plants in

Kiryat Ata and Kourdani, and the remainder from smaller plants in Haifa and the North and from the Teta shop network.

Acceptance of the need for dismissals is now the central issue facing the employees. The receivers put this question to the works committee at Kiryat Ata when the two sides met for the first time at the plant on Sunday.

The works committee asked for time to consider all the implications before responding to the receivers. Pinhas Groob, chairman of the works committee at Kiryat Ata and Kourdani, said they needed to know details of the amount of severance pay that would be given to the dismissed men, and all the procedures that would have to be followed in such an event. They want to discuss these and other points with the Haifa Labour Council before replying.

Meanwhile, the work committee has called on the receivers to ensure the delivery of further cotton supplies so that weaving can continue.

RALLY. - Students of the Reali high school in Haifa yesterday held a rally calling for public and government action against acts of hatred and terror.

IS330m. Lotto draw today

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The holders of more than one million tickets will have a crack at the IS330m. jackpot in this morning's Lotto draw. The draw was to have been held last night, but because of the record ticket sales it was postponed - for the first time in Lotto history - until today.

For the third time this year, Lotto fever has been whipped up by a huge jackpot.

In February an IS80m. jackpot was split among three persons, and in September a 73-year-old watchmaker was the sole winner of a IS150m. jackpot (worth \$374,000 at the time).

31 drug suspects remanded

NETANYA (Itim). - Thirty-one of the 66 persons arrested in a swoop on drug users and pushers in the Sharon region on Monday night were remanded for periods of between three and 15 days by the Netanya Magistrate Court yesterday.

Of those remanded, 24 are Jews from Kfar Sava and the rest are Arabs from the Triangle. A 20-year-old soldier and two women, one Arab and the other Jewish, were among the suspects.

The judge granted the police request for a remand, saying that the

use of illegal drugs has become a national scourge.

All the suspects denied the charges. One said the doctor had given him the drugs. Another said that he doesn't even smoke cigarettes, let alone drugs. A third suspect confessed to using drugs - but that was 13 years ago, he said.

SCHOLARSHIPS. - Twelve Hebrew University students were awarded Astrid Montor Foundation scholarships in a ceremony on the Mt. Scopus campus yesterday.



Chief of General Staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levy (third from left) and Manpower Branch commander Aluf Amos Yaron (far left) attend a class Monday in one of the IDF's education centres, during a tour by Levy and former chiefs of general staff of Manpower Branch facilities. (IDF spokesman)

Meir Amit tells press:

Israel's 1st communications satellite going up in 5 years

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Israel's first communications satellite will be launched in the next five years, Meir Amit, board chairman of General Satellite Corporation, Ltd., told a press conference here yesterday. He gave no exact date when it would be launched.

Amit said the satellite would be entirely Israeli-made if possible. Negotiations with the Israel Aircraft Industries were now in an advanced stage on building the satellite, he said. Construction would cost about \$100 million.

General Satellite Corporation is a British-registered company active in the entire western world. It is an international consortium set up three years ago and other board members are Hezi Carmel (Israel) and Jean Frydman (France), a former chairman of the Europe One radio station and a film producer. He represents a French consortium of investors. Other investors are Lazar

Frere of Paris and a group of Americans headed by David Zuckerman of Texas.

The company has studied Israel's satellite communications domestic needs in cooperation with the Ministry of Communications and the Bezek communications company, Amit said.

An agreement signed last year between the government and the British company enable the company to finance, construct and launch the satellite, and to provide Israel, through the Communications Ministry, with needed services in domestic satellite communications.

The satellite will be placed 30,000 kilometres up in the atmosphere between the European satellite and Arabsat, the Arab nations' satellite. It will be launched either from Cape Kennedy in the U.S. or from French Equatorial Guinea, depending on whichever is more economical, he said. The average lifespan of a communications satellite is 10 years.

Singapore may train doctors here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Kuah Song-bi, Health Minister of Singapore, is to arrive today for a visit to Israeli health facilities. Song-bi, together with a number of Singapore health officials and heads of hospitals and universities, will be guests of the Health Ministry here.

The visitors plan to make arrangements to send Singapore doctors to Israeli hospitals for specialized training, and to buy Israeli-produced drugs. They will also study the local health-insurance system.

Medical links between Israel and Singapore were greatly strengthened by a visit to the latter two years ago by Professor Shimon Slavin, head of

the Transplant Unit at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem.

Slavin was invited there to help set up a facility for bone-marrow transplanting in the government hospital. Since his return, several children with leukemia have been sent to Hadassah from Singapore for this operation.

Meanwhile, the unit Slavin set up in Singapore has been very successful and Israel has become popular in the local press as a source of medical assistance. The English-language daily *The Straits Times* has mounted a continuing campaign for funds to send to Israel children whom local hospitals could not treat.

Four policemen charged for beating suspects

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). - Four Haifa region policemen were charged in the police disciplinary court here yesterday with using unnecessary violence in an interrogation.

They are Sergeant Major Yosef Lavi, Sergeant Albert Ifgi, and patrolmen Hashim Nabiya and Mordechai Meir.

According to the charge sheet, the

four used violence against two brothers, Levi and Shimon Farhi, arrested in October 1981.

Nabiya allegedly kicked Levi Farhi in the testicles and punched him in the face. Ifgi was also charged with striking him and Meir was charged with hitting him in the stomach. Lavi allegedly plucked some of Shimon Farhi's hair and tried to extinguish a cigarette on his body.

Schools warned about type-correction fluid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Education Ministry has instructed all schools to keep Tipp-Ex, a commercial fluid used to correct typing errors, out of the reach of pupils.

The directive follows a wave of "Tipp-Ex-sniffing," which produces

an intoxication similar to that from sniffing certain liquid glues.

Education Ministry General Director Eliezer Shmueli said teachers should inform pupils that inhaling Tipp-Ex may permanently damage the lungs and central nervous system.

Shopkeepers start to tag shekel prices

Israeli shopkeepers, long delinquent in pricing their wares openly, have begun to feature prices regularly and in shekels, the Histadrut Consumer Protection Authority announced. Previous checks conducted by the group revealed that 60 per cent of the stores spot-checked were not tagging their prices with prices, and not all of those that did so listed the prices in shekels.

Complaints registered with the organization disclosed that from

October 31 to November 11, steep price rises hit such consumer items as Israeli-manufactured space-heaters (25 per cent), bed linens (28 per cent), frozen vegetables (50 per cent), razor blades (28 per cent) and paper products (17 per cent).

The group says that Israelis have become somewhat more conscientious in their buying habits. Consumer complaints about prices and other difficulties may be directed to the authority's special numbers: (03) 364034, 431652 and 431335.

PERES AT THE MARKET

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With one woman the conversation stumbled along in Hebrew until Peres detected an accent, and switched to French. The American networks turned off their cameras, but the French TV crew pressed forward nearly wiping out a neatly organized display of drinking glasses.

Later Peres discussed price comparison with a shopper who vowed that henceforth he would carry the price list at all times. "You and people like you are the best inspectors of all," said the prime minister. "All consumers should compare prices."

One of the people who heckled Peres when he came to the cinema next door in the spring of 1981, when he was campaigning for the premiership, was on hand yesterday, and sought a renewed confrontation with the premier. Grabbing a box of laundry soap, Shlomo Tal shouted: "price-gouging! Across the street the soap is cheaper."

Peres said he had been trying to explain for an hour to everybody in

sight that the purpose of the price list is to help people do comparative shopping. Tal ignored Peres's attempt to explain this. The prime minister glanced around. One of his security men moved into the crowd and Tal was left behind. Tal is a partner in a competing market in the same shopping centre.

As he left the shopping centre, Peres was asked what he thought he gained from the visit.

"These are not going to be easy months ahead," he replied. "But I believe that we can put the economy on the right road. The people I met here seem ready to shoulder their part of the burden."

Then an aide glanced at his wrist-watch and suddenly the whole entourage was gone.

Inside the supermarket, a young Arab worker straightened up the stock along the aisles where Peres had walked. Shoppers gossiped about the premier, and a bouquet of flowers the management had forgotten to give to the prime minister sat on the top shelf of a kitchen-supply display.

Israeli businessman murdered in Nigeria

LAGOS (Reuter). - An Israeli businessman living in Lagos was hacked to death with a machete on Sunday morning, police sources said yesterday.

They said the man, Moshe Doron, managing director of a British trading company in Nigeria, was killed in his house. Nothing was taken.

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RIVKA YADLIN
Through Arab eyes -
A'DIL MA'ANA

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Through Jewish eyes -
AHARON LAYISH
Through Arab eyes -
AWNI HABASH

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Mutual relations between Arabs and Jews - EMMANUEL MARX

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From an Arab point of view - ITAMAR RABINOWITZ

Thursday, November 15
9.00-11.00
ATTITUDES TOWARD WESTERN CULTURE
An Israeli perspective - SAMMY SMOCHA
An Arab Perspective - SIRRI NUSAYBA

11.15-13.15
EDUCATION
In the eyes of a Jewish educator - JOSEPH BASHI
In the eyes of an Arab educator - SAMI MARI

15.30-16.30
ATTITUDES TOWARD PAST AND FUTURE-YEHOSHAFAT HARKABI

17.00-20.00
CRUCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTER
Personal testimonies:
ALOUPI HAREVEN
RAOUL HALABI
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Summing up: SHIMON SHAMIR
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Second major typhoon pummels Philippines

MANILA (AP). — Typhoon Agnes battered the Philippines' midsection with high winds and heavy rains Monday, leaving at least 155 persons dead, dozens missing and about 200,000 homeless.

The typhoon, with peak winds of up to 205 kilometres an hour, struck at mid-morning, blew down houses, unroofed others, triggered landslides and floods — neck-deep in some places — and knocked out communications and power in the Visayas region, about 480 kilometres south of Manila.

One hundred deaths were reported by local officials in Roxas City in Capiz province. Most of the victims drowned in floods.

At least 48 people were reported missing, mostly fishermen caught at sea by Agnes's fury.

Thousands of people in Roxas were still marooned yesterday on the roofs of their flooded homes and bodies were seen floating near the shoreline.

Agnes was the second killer typhoon to hit the Philippines in six weeks. The deadliest typhoon on record to hit the Philippines, like, left more than 1,200 dead and about 500,000 homeless in the Visayas and southern Mindanao Island in early September.

A task force of several helicopters is rescuing and assisting people stranded by floods in Capiz.

"There are many towns there that are under water," a rescue worker said on government television. "You could see people clustered on high ground and on top of their houses and on streets that were spared by the water."

Tight security, royal parade mark opening of Parliament

LONDON (AP). — Glittering pageantry and tight security mingled yesterday as Queen Elizabeth II rode in a horse-drawn carriage from Buckingham Palace for the state opening of Parliament, accompanied by armed detectives disguised as royal footmen.

Inside Parliament, the queen donned a royal velvet robe and the jewel-encrusted imperial crown to take her place on the throne in the royal gallery. She then outlined a no-surprises legislative programme. Although the speech is traditionally read by the monarch, it is written by the government and lays out its policy and legislation proposals.

The queen said the Conservative government will not budge from its stringent economic policies despite record unemployment.

She also announced bills to abolish the Greater London Council and six other big-city authorities. The

move is seen as a Conservative Party attempt to extend its power and is bitterly opposed by the opposition Labour Party, which controls all the doomed councils.

"My government will continue to pursue policies founded on sound money and lower public borrowing," the queen said, but added that the Tories were "deeply concerned" about the 3 million Britons out of work.

As the queen rode to Parliament, crowds lined the streets in drizzling rain. The night before, bomb-sniffing police dogs had checked the sewers along the route.

The security, believed to be the tightest ever mounted for a royal occasion, followed the Irish Republican Army's bid to blow up Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and most of her cabinet at the Grand Hotel in Brighton on October 12.

Over 1,000 British miners have been lured back to work

LONDON (Reuters). — A steady trickle back to work in Britain's strike-bound coalfields continued yesterday following the collapse of negotiations last week and offers of cash bonuses from the employers, the state-run Coal Board.

The board said more than 1,150 strikers returned to work Monday and yesterday, taking the total who have defied back since the strike began eight months ago to around 7,000. The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), which is fighting board plans to shut losing pits, dismissed the trend as insignificant, saying about three quarters of Britain's 180,000 miners are still on strike.

A board spokesman said some 380

miners crossed picket lines yesterday adding to Monday's 800, a record figure which the government hailed as a sign that the strike is crumbling.

Some NUM leaders admit to flagging morale among the strikers, but publicly the union leadership remains defiant.

More than 1,000 engineering workers at an Austin Rover factory in Birmingham voted yesterday to defy a strike call over pay that has brought most of the British car manufacturer's 14 plants to a standstill, the company said.

The unions, which want a 20 per cent pay rise, called the strike on Monday after a series of votes on a show of hands.

Egypt to manufacture its own tank by 1988

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt yesterday unveiled a \$600 million plan to manufacture its own tank by 1988.

Defence Minister Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala was quoted by yesterday's Cairo newspapers as saying that the project, whose investments

were approved Sunday by the cabinet, will be "100 per cent Egyptian."

He said the plan for producing the tanks has already been built and that first phase allocation approved by the cabinet was \$350m.



Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale and his wife Joan wave to 15,000 supporters Monday at a Los Angeles rally. Mondale made a last effort in California before flying to a final rally in Iowa.

Hijack ends in Teheran as passengers turn on captors

TEHERAN (Reuters). — Passengers, including one wielding an axe, yesterday ended an eight-hour ordeal by overpowering two hijackers of a Saudi Arabian Tristar airliner at Teheran's Mehrabad Airport.

Saudi soldier Ali al-Ahmari told reporters he attacked one hijacker with an axe and threw him off the plane after his attention had been diverted with an offer of blankets, which started a general scuffle.

The hijackers, believed to be Yemenis, commandeered the Saudi plane, carrying 131 persons. Monday night on a flight between the Saudi cities of Jeddah and Riyadh that originated in London, the Iranian news agency Irna said.

The agency said the hijackers, who were arrested, had demanded a

\$500,000 ransom, an end to what they called Saudi influence in Yemen and political asylum in Iran. It was not clear whether the hijackers came from North or South Yemen, but their demand appeared to suggest North Yemen, according to observers in the Persian Gulf.

The passengers escaped down emergency chutes about eight hours after the plane had been hijacked. Several of them suffered cuts and bruises in the escape.

The Saudi soldier told reporters he struck one hijacker at least four times on the head with an axe. "Then I threw him out of the plane,"

He had a heavily bandaged hand, but proudly pointed out blood on his clothing, which he said was from a hijacker.

Moscow faults West for African famine

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A leading Soviet expert on Africa accused the West yesterday of responsibility for the hunger facing Africans, but made no mention of the famine ravaging Moscow's ally, Ethiopia.

Anatoly Gromyko, director of Moscow's Africa Institute and son of the Soviet foreign minister, said in an article in the government newspaper *Izvestia* that western companies were squeezing Africa's natural resources dry.

"Africans are dying of hunger, while their national riches and the incomes rightly belonging to them are floating off over seas and oceans to make the rich even richer," he said.

The Soviet news media have so far paid minimal attention to the Ethiopian famine and have not referred to the aid supplied by Britain and other western countries.

Detailed reports of disasters are given only when they occur in the West or pro-western developing countries.

A Soviet shipment of helicopters and relief supplies was sent to Ethiopia last week, according to the Ethiopian ambassador in Moscow who said Soviet relief agencies had "done their best."

Lindbergh reported on Nazi air power

STANFORD, California (AP). — Charles Lindbergh, whose pre-World War II trips to Germany and acceptance of a Nazi medal drew strong criticism in his own country, made detailed reports of his observations on German air power to U.S. military officials, according to a recently published book.

Lindbergh's visits to Germany were arranged by the late Truman Smith, who represented the U.S. military in pre-war Berlin, according to Smith's papers that were gathered into the book, *Berlin Alert: The Memoirs and Reports of Truman Smith*.

The book did not call Lindbergh a spy or agent for the U.S., but strongly implied the visits had the blessing of the U.S. military because Smith had arranged them.

Lindbergh became an American hero after making the first solo flight across the Atlantic in 1927.

The book's contents were described as a volume of previously unpublished autobiographical writings and documents drawn from the Truman Smith Collection at Stanford University. It was published by Stanford's Hoover Institution Press this year at the urging of Smith's widow.

Sandinista leader backs liberalization

MANAGUA (AP). — Daniel Ortega, the Sandinista candidate who appears almost certain to have won Sunday's presidential election, says he has no plans to reimpose restrictions that were loosened for the campaign.

Ortega, speaking at a news conference Monday, said the Sandinistas had no immediate plans to reimpose restrictions on individual rights loosened for the elections. The restrictions were imposed in 1982 after

U.S.-backed rebels started fighting the regime.

Freedom of assembly was allowed for the campaign and censorship was loosened.

In its last announcement late Monday night, the Supreme Electoral Council said that with slightly more than one-third of the votes counted, Ortega and the Sandinistas had 67.8 per cent of the 355,069 valid presidential ballots counted.

Indian Army protects Sikh temples in Delhi

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — The army tightened security around New Delhi's Sikh temples yesterday as a precaution against fresh violence when Sikhs celebrate a religious festival tomorrow.

Senior army officers visited the three main temples in the capital and ordered troops to step up patrols around the shrines, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said.

Sikhs are expected to gather at temples in large numbers tomorrow to mark the birthday of Namak, the first Sikh guru (teacher). The five high priests in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar have asked their followers to observe the anniversary in an unostentatious way.

The police said no incidents were reported in New Delhi or in other parts of India yesterday, after more than 900 persons died in anti-Sikh violence sparked by the murder of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. She was shot dead Wednesday by two Sikh bodyguards.

They said four persons were killed

Monday in the capital, raising its death toll to 475. Most victims were Sikhs.

PTI quoted Gandhi's son and successor, Rajiv, as telling a group of opposition leaders yesterday that the government was increasing its efforts to rehabilitate victims of the riots.

The new prime minister said the government was considering resettling refugees of the violence in new areas if they wanted.

He told a delegation of Sikh leaders that their entire community should not be condemned for the assassination of his mother by the two bodyguards, PTI said.

The news agency said the Sikh leaders asked Gandhi to increase compensation for riot victims announced by the government.

Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee told Reuters yesterday the prime minister would follow his mother's economic policies, including raising foreign commercial loans.

16 South African blacks die as boycott enters second day

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP). — Six blacks were killed yesterday in rioting and clashes with police near Johannesburg and Pretoria on the second day of a general strike called to protest race policies of the white-minority government, the police reported.

Companies in the Johannesburg and Pretoria area indicated Monday the boycott was reported to be up to 90 per cent effective in some areas. Business estimates said hundreds of thousands of workers joined the boycott in the retail and manufacturing sectors — and in the Johannesburg area these estimates said 40 to 65 per cent of the workers were absent.

The toll in black townships since Sunday night rose to 16 dead, at least 10 injured and about 40 arrested, with hundreds of thousands of work-

ers and students staying home in Transvaal province, the nation's industrial centre, the police reported.

A spokesman for Putco Ltd., whose buses carry 1 million workers daily, said 35 buses were stoned in Soweto, the largest township, and at least one bus burned elsewhere. He said police armoured cars escorted buses, and Putco was maintaining curtailed but regular service in the townships, except in Tembisa, east of Johannesburg, where seven persons were killed since Monday.

He said numbers of bus passengers rose from Monday, indicating a slight weakening of the boycott yesterday. It was believed the widest work stoppage for political aims in many years in South Africa, and marked the first time that new black trade unions joined students and anti-apartheid groups in a political protest.

E. Germany warns disarmament meeting

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — The European Disarmament Conference resumed yesterday with a warning from the German Democratic Republic that serious negotiations to reduce the risk of a European war cannot begin until the West takes Warsaw Pact proposals seriously.

Nato delegates said this session could provide the first sign of a thaw between the superpowers after yesterday's U.S. presidential election if the two sides can compromise on the procedural wrangles that have so far hampered progress.

Pentagon's space mission is postponed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (Reuters). — A secret Defence Department space-shuttle mission due next month has been postponed while nearly 2,800 heat-absorbing tiles that protect the spacecraft during re-entry are replaced, the U.S. space agency has announced.

But another mission is to go ahead today after the agency quickly solved two problems discovered soon after countdown began on Monday.

Space-shuttle Discovery's mission is to deploy two communications satellites and retrieve two others that

failed to go into correct orbit.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration discovered a malfunction in one of Discovery's computers, but said the problem was minor and would not affect countdown.

Nasa said no new date had been set for the secret Pentagon mission of the shuttle Challenger, originally due to blast off on December 8.

Officials decided to replace some of its tiles after discovering that some adhesive had softened.

Pakistan may bar illiterates from jobs

KARACHI (Reuters). — Pakistan is considering barring illiterates from government jobs and asking private industry to do the same in its hiring practices, the official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) said yesterday.

APP quoted official sources here as saying the government is also

considering awarding BA and MA degrees only to students who complete their courses and teach at least one illiterate person to read and write.

Only about one quarter of Pakistan's 84 million people can read and write despite well-publicized annual literacy campaigns.

Sports

Make or break

By DON GOULD

Post Sports Reporter
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Tennis shock

Post Sports Staff

Tomas Zimmerman pulled off a major surprise in the National Tennis Championships at the Jerusalem Tennis Centre when he crushed Shai Puni 7-5, 6-1. All other matches went according to the form book. The quarter-finals will be played today at 2 p.m.

Glickstein beat Yancov 6-4, 6-2; Rosenberg beat Baron 6-7, 6-4, 6-0; Sinai beat Ben Ami 6-1, 6-1; Mamiadze beat Rapaport 6-2, 6-1; Naor beat Doron 6-1, 6-1; Motowaslef beat Herschaft 6-3, 6-0; Perkis beat Tsur 6-1, 6-1.

Suspensions, moves

By PAUL KOHN

Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Two of Maccabi Haifa's stars, Baruch Maman and Ronnie Rosenthal, have been suspended by the club until further notice for refusing to play in last Saturday's match. The players contend that they have no written contracts with the club.

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McEnroe: no appeal

STOCKHOLM (AP). — John McEnroe was suspended from playing tennis for 31 days, shortly after he blitzed Sweden's Mats Wilander 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 to win the \$315,000 Stockholm Open-Scandinavian Tennis Championships.

As a result of the suspension, McEnroe, winner of the London Tennis Grand Prix five times in the last six years, misses this year's tournament that started yesterday.

McEnroe decided not to appeal against the fine imposed in Stockholm in order that he be free of the suspension in time for the Australian Open from November 26 to December 9 and the Davis Cup final on December 16-18.

Doctors at play

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT HASHARON. — Israel's former Davis Cup racketeer Ravi Porges and top veterans' player Roni Geller are both making good progress in the 13th annual World Tennis Championships for Doctors, which started on Monday in Ramat Hasharon and Herzliya. Both are through to the quarter-finals of the Men's Open. In addition, Geller has made a successful start to the defence of his over-45 singles title. The ex-Beitar Jerusalem soccer star is also defending his doubles crown in this category, with Israeli partner Sami Yaros.

Porges, 29, is seeded first in the Open, followed by Sweden's Hans Norrell, another former Davis Cup racket. In second-round contests yesterday, both beat American opponents, with Porges coming through 6-5, 6-4 against Mark Thompson and Norrell not conceding a game to Robert Imprima. Norrell, 40, has so far won this event twice and been runner-up six times.

Geller, 48, defeated V. Karimnani 6-1, 6-3 in the Open. He is now through to the second round of the over-45 singles, and he and Yaros make their bow in the over-45 doubles today.

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ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8:15 School Broadcasts 15:00 Surprise Train 15:30 Don Quixote (part 7) 15:50 Rehovot Sun 16:20 Near Ones and Dear Ones 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: 17:30 1000 Islands — children's drama 18:20 Animated film ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes: 18:30 News roundup 18:32 Situation 18:45 Inventions and Innovations 19:00 Between Citizen and State 19:30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS resume at 20:00 with a news roundup 20:02 Grizzly — nature film 20:30 Movie Time — bi-weekly cinema magazine 21:00 Mabab Newscast 21:30 Moked 22:05 Billy Jack, T.C. Frank's 1972 film stars Tom Laughlin and Delores Taylor 23:50 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17:30 Cartoons 18:00 French Hour 18:30 (TV) That's What's New in French 19:30 News in Hebrew 20:00 News in Arabic 20:30 The Company 21:10 The Romantic Spirit 22:00 News in English 22:15 V

MIDDLE EAST TV (From T.A. north): 13:00 Insight 13:30 Another Life 14:00 700 Club 14:30 Shape-up 15:00 Afternoon Movie 16:30 Incredible Hulk 17:00 Popeye 17:30 Super Book 18:00 Laramie 19:00 Bonanza 20:00 Another Life 20:30 World News Tonight 21:00 Entertainment Special W&A/C Concerts 21:30 Father Murphy 22:30 High Chaparral 23:30 700 Club 23:50 News Update

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music 6:02 Musical Clock 7:07 G. Gabrieli: Canzona No.8; Haydn: Trumpet Concerto

7:30 Brahms: Haydn Variations (Vienna Philharmonic); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1 (Rubinstein, London, Barncourt); Haydn: String Quartet, Op.76, No.4 (Italian) Copland: Appalachian Spring (Columbia, Copland)

8:30 Haydn: Symphony No.90 (London Mozart Players, Harry Block); Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite No.2 (Berghlund); Berlioz: Romeo and Juliet (Christa Ludwig, Nicolaï Ghilzerov, Vienna Philharmonic, Lorin Maazel)

12:00 Recital with Morris Burg, oboe 13:05 Haydn: Zaire; Mendelssohn: Walpurgis Night; Faure: Pelles et Melisande; Milhaud: The Blue Train; Offenbach: La Vie Parisienne

15:00 Schools for Samba in Brazil 15:30 Youth Programme — Jazz — short pieces by famous composers 16:30 Radio Holland, 1984 — Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Ernest Bour, with Jan De Paris — Francois: Flora's Wedding; Divertimento K.136; Zarzuela and Flanconco

18:00 Contemporary Music — 1 + 3, Tel Aviv — Mary Even-Or: Centrifuge for 2 Violins; Noah Guy: Ma 2; Ham Al-Azhar: My Disconnected Friend; Luciano Berio: 8 Duets for 2 Violins; Szymanowski: Nocturne and Tarentelle, Op.28

19:05 Arias by Haydn and Mozart; Britten: Spring Symphony; Beethoven: Harp Concerto (Maria-Claire Jamet)

20:30 Bellini: I Puritani, complete opera 23:30 Donizetti: Quarta No.1

First Programme

6:03 Programmes for Olim 7:30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)

9:30 Encounter — live family and social affairs magazine 10:30 Programme in Easy Hebrew 11:00 School Broadcasts 11:30 Education for all 12:05 Sephardi songs 13:00 News in English 14:00 Children's programmes 15:55 Notes on a New Book

16:05 Programme for Senior Citizens 17:12 Job Aid 18:10 Evening News 18:45 Afternoon Classics 18:47 Bible Reading 19:05 Lesson in Hebrew 20:30 Programmes for Olim 22:05 A Friend from the Same Planet

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Maximum Prices of Goods and Services

In Force from November 7, 1984. The following lists include corrections to the lists published in the evening papers of November 6, 1984

Ministry of Industry and Trade

SUGAR, RICE	Weight	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
White sugar (Sugar)	1kg.	145.00	180.00
Rice (long grain)	1kg.	261.00	336.00

BEER, SOFT DRINKS	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Nesher beer	48 cl.	Bottle	61.84	86.80
Goldstar beer	35 cl.	Flat bottle	105.95	148.80
Maccabee beer	33 cl.	Bottle	187.50	259.00
Maccabee beer	33 cl.	Can	187.50	259.50
Malt drink	48 cl.	Bottle	59.16	78.70

SOFT DRINKS	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Tempo-Kan-Kal	1.5 lit.	Bottle	442.00	610.00
Tempo-Kan-Kal	2 lit.	Bottle	545.00	752.00
Tempo-Kan-Kal	2 lit.	Bottle	575.50	794.00
Tempo-Kan-Kal	2 lit.	Bottle	540.70	746.00
Tempo-Kan-Kal	650ml.	Bottle	98.00	152.50
Tempo-Kan-Kal	1 lit.	Bottle	270.00	273.00

SYRUPS, BEVERAGE POWDERS	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Assis sweetened lemon juice	1 lit.	Bottle	1,150.00	1,587.00
Assis sweetened lemon juice	3 lit.	Container	2,800.00	3,864.00
Assis sweetened raspberry juice	Bottle	1,220.00	1,683.00	
Assis sweetened raspberry juice	3 lit.	Container	3,000.00	4,140.00
Assis sweetened lemon juice	1 lit.	Bottle	—	1,523.00
Assis sweetened lemon juice	2 lit.	Container	—	2,781.00
Assis sweetened raspberry juice	1 lit.	Bottle	—	1,637.00
Assis sweetened raspberry juice	2 lit.	Container	—	2,943.00
Assis sweetened raspberry juice	800g.	Can	1,462.30	2,018.00

SOUP POWDERS	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Telma meat or chicken soup powder	400g.	Plastic	1,947.50	2,688.00
Vita meat or chicken soup powder	400g.	Glass	1,949.28	2,690.00
Osem meat or chicken soup powder	400g.	Plastic	1,963.77	2,710.00
Vita mushroom soup powder	400g.	Plastic	1,947.50	2,688.00
Vita mushroom soup powder	400g.	Plastic	1,949.28	2,690.00
Osem mushroom soup powder	400g.	Plastic	1,963.77	2,710.00
Osem vegetable soup powder	400g.	Plastic	1,543.48	2,130.00
Telma or Vita vegetable soup powder	400g.	Plastic	1,535.50	2,119.00
Telma meat or chicken soup powder	1kg.	Bag	4,051.90	5,592.00
Telma mushroom powder	1kg.	Bag	4,051.90	5,592.00
Osem meat or chicken soup powder	1kg.	Bag	4,051.90	5,592.00
Osem vegetable soup powder	1kg.	Bag	3,405.80	4,700.00
Vita meat or chicken soup powder	1kg.	Bag	4,014.50	5,540.00
Vita vegetable soup powder	1kg.	Bag	2,970.29	4,099.00

CANNED FOODS, FROZEN VEGETABLES, VINEGAR	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Yakhin medium, peas	600g.	Can	805	832
Assis medium, peas	500g.	Can	722	722
Assis peas & carrots	500g.	Can	687	687
Yakhin peas & carrots	500g.	Can	652	652
Assis pickled cabbage	600g.	Can	680	680
Yakhin corn kernels	500g.	Can	786	786
Pri Hagall corn kernels	600g.	Can	680	680
Jofa-Mor or Pri Hagall tomato puree (22%)	500g.	Can	627	627
Assis tomato puree	100g.	Can	217	217
Beit Hashira, large Manzanilla olives	600g.	Can	787	787
Beit Hashira cucumbers	500g.	Can	560	560
7-9 pcs. Golan	500g.	Can	560	560
Mios tomato puree (22%)	570g.	Can	747	747
Sunroast frozen green peas	400g.	Bag	626	626
Sunroast frozen midget carrots	400g.	Bag	926	926
Sunroast frozen green or yellow string beans	400g.	Bag	972	972
Sunroast frozen corn kernels	400g.	Bag	787	787
Tapugan, Tapud	400g.	Bag	1,032	1,032
Assis citrus vinegar	1 lit. Bottle	750	1,005	1,005
Yakhin citrus vinegar	1 lit. Bottle	—	—	—

WISSTOTZKY TEA	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
"18" tea	100g.	Packet	261.00	326.00
"36" tea	100g.	Packet	266.00	341.00
Tea bags with gold tag	1g x25	Packet	263.00	346.00
Tea bags with gold tag	1.5g x50	Packet	586.00	795.00
Tea bags, family pack	1g x200	Packet	1,977.00	2,603.00
"74" tea	125g.	Packet	493.00	649.60

TEHINA, MAYONNAISE, HALVA	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Elite tehina	500g.	Plastic	1,038.40	1,433.00
Telma tehina	500g.	Plastic	1,288.40	1,778.00
Mata tehina	500g.	Plastic	1,038.40	1,433.00
Osem mayonnaise	500g.	Container	934.20	1,274.00
Osem mayonnaise	1kg.	Container	1,708.50	2,440.00
Telma mayonnaise	500g.	Container	1,149.10	1,567.00
Telma mayonnaise	1kg.	Container	2,174.80	3,001.00
Mata mayonnaise	500g.	Container	1,149.10	1,567.00
Mata mustard	500g.	Container	—	850.00
Telma "Real" mayonnaise	500g.	Jar	—	956.00
Mata baking powder	10pkts.	Packets	202.17	279.00
Galam corn flour	500g.	Package	488.40	674.00
Mata strawberry, vanilla or lemon	80g.	Box	—	251.00
Galam strawberry, vanilla or lemon	80g.	Box	—	155.00

OSEM PASTA PRODUCTS	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Muvhar noodles and short cut macaroni	250g.	Package	155.05	214.00
Muvhar baked macaroni, spaghetti and short cut macaroni	250g.	Package	171.01	236.00
Muvhar vermicelli, short cut macaroni, macaroni, spaghetti, and baked short cut macaroni	500g.	Package	300.00	414.00

BAKED PRODUCTS	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Osem Petit Beurre biscuits	200g.	Package	368.70	530.00
Osem Petit Beurre biscuits	500g.	Package	688.70	990.00
Osem Petit Beurre biscuits	1kg.	Packet	1,276.52	1,835.00
Hader Petit Beurre biscuits	200g.	Packet	259.70	373.30
Hader Petit Beurre biscuits	1kg.	Packet	1,049.00	1,507.90
Osem Marie biscuits	1kg.	Packet	1,276.52	1,835.00
Froumine Petit Beurre biscuits	1kg.	Packet	1,276.52	1,835.00
Hader wafers	1kg.	Box	1,529.60	2,198.80
Froumine wafers	1kg.	Box	1,698.00	2,441.00
Osem filled pastries	1kg.	Box	1,772.52	2,548.00
Froumine "Argaliot"	1kg.	Box	1,506.09	2,165.00
Froumine "Argaliot"	400g.	Packet	690.78	993.00
Osem cream crackers	1kg.	Box	1,638.87	2,399.00
Hader Dagan crackers	1kg.	Box	1,190.90	1,711.90
Osem Lahmit crackers	1kg.	Box	1,463.65	2,104.00

SWEETS, CHOCOLATE, COCOA AND ICE CREAM	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Elite toffees	500g.	Bag	1,044.00	1,511.00
Canit toffees	500g.	Bag	835.00	1,200.00
Ca-De mixed filled sweets	500g.	Bag	1,239.00	1,782.00
Elite Pesek Zman wafers	45g.	Wrapped	211.00	305.00
Elite cocoa powder	150g.	Packet	399.20	539.00
Elite milk chocolate	50g.	Bar	115.00	151.00
Elite milk chocolate	100g.	Bar	225.00	292.00
Elite milk chocolate	200g.	Bar	442.00	555.00
Elite plain chocolate	50g.	Bar	139.00	175.00
Elite plain chocolate	100g.	Bar	258.00	332.00
Elite plain chocolate	200g.	Bar	508.00	654.00
Elite filled "fruit" chocolate	100g.	Bar	286.30	414.00
Elite special nut chocolate	100g.	Bar	413.58	577.00
Elite chewing gum	5 packets	—	—	388.00
Elite "Man" chocolate spread	500g.	Container	678.00	979.00
Elite spread "Mimraht"	500g.	Container	724.50	1,049.00
Elite Chocolit beverage powder	500g.	Tin	1,433.25	2,063.00
Osem Instant Shake-Choco beverage powder	1kg.	Container	2,598.55	3,586.00
Whitman, Golan, ice cream, veg. fat	400g.	Package	367.00	520.00
Strauss, Riviera ice cream, veg. fat	400g.	Package	367.00	520.00
Tenne-Noga ice cream, veg. fat	400g.	Package	367.00	520.00
Snowcrest, milk solids ice cream	600g.	Package	1,080.00	1,464.00

JAMS AND CONFITURES	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Assis citrus/mixed jams	900 g.	Jar	919.56	1,269.00
Vita citrus/mixed jams	900 g.	Jar	922.47	1,273.00
Assis other fruit jams	900 g.	Jar	979.71	1,352.00
Vita other fruit jams	900 g.	Jar	1,000.00	1,380.00
Assis fruit confiture	450 g.	Jar	850.00	1,173.00
Vita fruit confiture	450 g.	Jar	874.64	1,207.00

CANNED FISH	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Man "Star" sea sardines, in oil	120 g.	Tin	537.00	747.00
Noon or Yona, "Star" sea sardines, in oil	120 g.	Tin	460.00	640.00
Man, Levanon "Kinneret" Sardines, in oil	120 g.	Tin	429.00	596.00
Sardines, in oil	125 g.	Tin	360.00	500.00

KETCHUP	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Assis ketchup	340 g.	Bottle	750.00	1,036.00
Osem or Vita ketchup	340 g.	Bottle	718.12	991.00

BABY FOODS	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Materna-Maabarot mother's milk substitute	500 g.	Can	1,785.00	2,392.00

SNACK FOODS	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Osem, Bilal	70 g.	Bag	253.62	350.00
Osem, Bilal	200 g.	Bag	611.59	844.00
Osem, Bamba	25 g.	Bag	153.62	212.00
Osem, Bamba	80 g.	Bag	345.65	477.00

CIGARETTES	Contents	Container	Retail Price incl. VAT (IS)
Dubek Brand "Oriental"	20 cig.	—	85.00
Silon	20 cig.	—	97.00
Marom	20 cig.	—	188.00
Dubek filter, Ascot	20 cig.	—	248.00
Royal, Polaris	20 cig.	—	—

Dubek Brand "Virginia"	Contents	Container	Retail Price incl. VAT (IS)
Nobless filter	20 cig.	—	301.00
Time, Europa, Sheraton	20 cig.	—	—
Nelson filter, Time menthol	20 cig.	—	315.00
Broadway 80	20 cig.	—	367.00
Monte Carlo	20 cig.	—	378.00
Broadway 100, Time 100	20 cig.	—	385.00
Montana	20 cig.	—	393.00

WINES AND BEVERAGES	Contents	Container	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
CARMEL MIZRAHI	65 cl.	Bottle	852.00	1,186.00
Topaz Zahav	65 cl.	Bottle	378.00	526.00
Adom Aik	65 cl.	Bottle	631.00	868.00
Superior hock	62 cl.	Bottle	706.00	984.00
A.P. brandy	62 cl.	Bottle	981.00	1,364.00
Arak	50 cl.	Bottle	1,522.00	2,131.00
777 Brandy	75 cl.	Bottle	968.00	1,347.00

BREAD	Weight (g.)	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Standard dark bread	750	46.43	62.00
Standard dark bread	500	92.77	104.00
White bread	750	69.37	79.00
White bread	500	104.14	119.00
White bread	250	66.10	74.00
Kümel bread	500	118.76	131.00
Round/braided halla	500	124.32	138.00
Roll	60	22.86	26.00
Standard dark, sliced, packaged bread, sliced, packaged bread	750	165.60	184.00
White sliced, packaged bread	500	165.60	184.00

WHEAT FLOUR	Net warehouse price per ton, not incl. VAT (IS)	Price (IS) per 1kg. package for sale to	Wholesaler excl. VAT	Retailer excl. VAT	Consumer incl. VAT
Standard dark flour	117,610	143.90	151.83	184.00	
White flour	129,970	157.05	163.21	202.00	
Special white flour or semolina	131,740	157.17	165.67	205.00	
Osem self raising flour	—	—	494.20	582.00	
Mata "Eficol" self raising flour	350 gr. package	—	—	223.00	
Osem self raising flour	350 gr. package	—	193.48	267.00	
Warehouse sale price does not include price of sacks and loading on client's truck.					

FROZEN MEAT	Sale to wholesaler and portage to place of business	Price (IS) per kg., incl. VAT
South American boned beef in cartons (9 pieces)	1,640	
Frozen, koshered beef	1,730	
English or Belgian frozen beef (red carton, 5-6 pieces) shoulder, etc.	1,800	
English or Belgian frozen beef (blue carton, 4 pieces) breast, etc.	1,300	
Frozen beef from England (consumer packaging) and Ireland (red carton), shoulder, etc.	1,890	
Frozen beef from England (consumer packaging) and Ireland (blue carton), shoulder, etc.	1,540	
Regular liver, imported from the USA	1,250	
Select liver, imported from the USA	1,480	
Argentine liver	1,200	

RETAIL PRICES	Contents	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Breast and Chuck (3.9)	1,780		
Ribs incl. neck, leg, loin, (2.7, 8.10)	1,980		
Sirloin and mid-shoulder (1.4)	2,380		
Shoulder roast, false fillet (5.6)	2,600		
Carton packed meat (original complete carton with 9 pieces)	2,060		
Ground frozen beef	2,080		
For butchered, koshered frozen beef, addition of Regular liver, U.S.A.	90		
Select liver, U.S.A.	2,050		
Argentine liver	1,650		

SALT	Weight	Packing	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Superior table salt	1 kg.	Bag	65.00	89.00
Gavish superior, cooking salt	1 kg.	Bag	113.46	156.00
Regular, cooking salt	1 kg.	Bag	62.57	86.00

MARGARINE AND OIL

a. Manufacturer must indicate maximum price on label of refined soya oil container.

b. No one may remove the above label or change the price given thereon.

c. Refined soya oil marked with a price lower than the maximum price (according to this section) must be sold at the price indicated on the label.

Product	Container	Quantity	Wholesale price, excl. VAT (IS)	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Margarine with or without salt	Package	200 g.	107.10	137.00
Margarine with or without salt	Cup	250 g.	159.50	203.00
Low calorie margarine	Cup	250 g.	119.50	153.00
Margarine for baking	Packet	200g.	107.10	137.00
Margarine/milk	Packet	200g.	129.00	166.00
Margarine/milk	Cup	250g.	184.20	234.00
Refined soya oil				
(a) Glass bottle		630cc.	389.20	492.00
(b) Plastic bottle		1000cc.	647.20	809.00
(c) Plastic container		3000cc.	1,916.00	2,380.00
(d) Plastic container		4900cc.	3,124.00	3,830.00
(e) Tin		4900cc.	3,354.00	4,120.00

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Product	Quantity	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Fluorescent/Sylvania	40 Watt	1,550
	140 Watt	1,255.94
	120 Watt	1,507.28
Incandescent (regular)	391	391
	60 Watt	513.50
	75 Watt	538.50
	100 Watt	538.50
Incandescent (long life)	40 Watt	436
	60 Watt	572.50
	75 Watt	600.50
	100 Watt	600.50

REPLACEMENT CO. GAS CYLINDERS

Make	Package	Retail price, incl. VAT (IS)
Sypholux	10 cylinders	456
Sypholux (Soda Lux Vessel)	250 g.	1,290

WASHING MATERIALS AND DISINFECTANTS

Product	Manufacturer	Description	Retail price incl. VAT (IS)
Soap	Shemen	Hawaii 100 g.	410
Soap	Shemen	Adin, 100 g.	280
Soap	Etz Hazaitz	Capri, 140 g.	325
Soap	Izhar	Mem Zayit, 100	300
Soap	Izhar	Mem Zayit, 100	590
Soap	Izhar	Mem Zayit, 5x180	1,500
Tooth paste	Shemen	Fluoride, 70 g.	505
Tooth paste	Etz Hazaitz	Zebra, 70 g.	490
Tooth paste	Izhar	Solidox, large	600
Tooth paste	Izhar	Solidox, giant size	990
Shaving cream	Shemen	Hawaii, container	2,630
Shaving cream	Izhar	Mem Shaving 2	1,980
Shaving cream	Izhar	Mem Shaving reg.	2,750
Shaving cream	Izhar	Mem Shaving	850
Shaving cream	Izhar	Mem giant size	1,270
Hair shampoo	Shemen	Hawaii, 500 g.	2,000
Hair shampoo	Neca	Oil shampoo, 1 l.	2,470
Hair shampoo	Etz Hazaitz	Royal, 500 g.	1,620
Hair shampoo	Wella	Wella Balsam, 500 ml.	2,900
Hair dye	Bellody	50x2 ml.	3,730
Air purifier	Pazchem	Container, 240 g.	1,160
Pesticide	Pazchem	Fotex, 570 g.	1,960
Shabbat candles	Menora	190 g.	325
Shabbat candles	Ner Zion	180 g.	325

PAPER PRODUCTS

Product	Description	Retail price incl. VAT (IS)
Hogla		
Toilet tissue	"Dallit" Crepe 4x250 sheets	689
Toilet tissue	"Dallit" Crepe 4x250 Giant size	3,875
Toilet tissue	"Iris" Crepe 4x400 sheets	998
Toilet tissue	"Iris" Crepe 24x400 sheets	5,263
Toilet tissue	"Lily" tissue, 24x250 sheets	1,262
Toilet tissue	"Lily" tissue, 24x250 sheets	7,125
Toilet tissue	"Lily" tissue, 4x300 sheets	1,450
Toilet tissue	"Lily" tissue, 24x300 sheets	8,180

Rex

Toilet tissue	"Super Adin", crepe 4x30, 120m.	734
Toilet tissue	"Super Adin", crepe 12x30, 360m.	2,160
Toilet tissue	"Super Adin", crepe 24x30, 700m.	4,196
Toilet tissue	"Rex Tissue", 4x25, 120m.	1,187
Toilet tissue	"Rex Tissue", 14x25, 300m.	3,511
Toilet tissue	"Rex Tissue", 24x25m, 600m.	6,827
Toilet tissue	"Paz", crepe, 4x20, 80m.	534
Toilet tissue	"Rex Special", crepe 4x28.75, 115m.	723
Toilet tissue	"Oranit", crepe 12x25, 300m.	1,898
Toilet tissue	"Oranit", crepe 24x25m 600m.	3,724

Mollet

Toilet tissue	"AA", crepe unlayer 4x115m.	658
Toilet tissue	"Bon", crepe, unlayer 4x138m.	768
Toilet tissue	"N.K.", crepe unlayer 4x100 m.	558
Toilet tissue	"24 A", crepe unlayer 4x690m.	3,694
Toilet tissue	"Ball Crane", unlayer 24x600m.	3,205
Toilet tissue	"RG", 2-layer, light tissue 4x115m.	1,244
Toilet tissue	"RG-D", dark tissue 4x115m, 2-layer	1,400
Toilet tissue	"Lev", light tissue, 2-layer 4x138m.	1,419
Toilet tissue	"Pan", 2-layer light tissue 4x100m.	1,129
Toilet tissue	"Ball", light tissue 24x690m.	5,890
Toilet tissue	"24 RG", light tissue 24x690m.	7,013

Hogla

Paper towels	"Lily", tissue, 100pc. box	712
Paper towels	"Lily", tissue, 75pc. box	434
Paper towels	"Lily", tissue, 150pc. box	1,048

Mollet

Paper towels	"Care", 2-layer tissue, 75pc.	485
Paper towels	"Mat", 2-layer tissue, 200pc.	1,485
Paper towels	"Gov", tissue 2-layer, 80pc.	789
Paper towels	2-layer tissue, 100pc. box	813
Paper towels	"Full Care", nylon, 2-layer tissue, 100 pc.	456
Paper towels	"Rock", 2-layer tissue, 150pc.	945
Paper towels	"Nylon Full", tissue, 2-layer, 100pc.	653
Paper towels	"Nylon Nai", 2-layer tissue, 200pc.	516
Paper towels	"Sax", 2-layer tissue, 150pc. box	945

Rex

Paper towels	"Rex" (Nylon) 2-layer tissue, 100pc.	694
Paper towels	"Rex" (Carbon) 2-layer tissue, 100pc.	792
Paper towels	"Rex", 2-layer, 150pc.	1,170
Paper towels	"Rex", 3-layer, 100pc.	1,170

Hogla

Kitchen towels	"Lily Keter" 2-layer tissue, 150 sheets	1,765
Sanitary napkins	"Nova Li", 10pc.	698
Pants diapers	"Titulum", one-time use with elastic, various sizes	5,885

Amir Paper Products

Pants diapers	"Tafukim", one-time with elastic, various sizes	5,880
Pants diapers	"Tafukim", one-time, no elastic, various sizes	5,000

Dafon-Harman

Copy books	16 page	53
Copy books	40 page	123

Daroth Industries

Flour bags	1kg. bags, 100pc.	11,892
Sugar bags	1kg. bags, 100pc.	10,843
Outer packaging	15kg., 100pc.	65,170
Sugar bags	Outer packaging, 15kg., 100pc.	56,000
Industrial and plastic	1 kg. spools	650

Ofek Paper Products Jerusalem - Continuous Stationery

Standard, 38/11", 1 copy, 60g., quantity 1000pc.	10,915
Standard, 38/11", 1 copy, 60g., quantity 1000	37,060
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25/11", 1 copy, 60g., quantity 1000	26,180
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37.8/11", 2 copies, 60g., quantity 1000	62,036
37.8/11", 3 copies, 60g., quantity 1000	74,262-85,401
37.8/11", 4 copies, 60g., quantity 1000	107,960
Standard, 25/11", 1 copy, 60g., quantity 1000	8,700
25/11", 2 copies, 60g., quantity 1000	27,795
25/11", 3 copies, 60g., quantity 1000	46,729

CONTINUOUS STATIONERY ONIYAH LTD.

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25/11", 4 copies, 60 g. Quantity: 1000		64,454
25/11", 5 copies, 60 g. Quantity: 1000		77,344
Standard, 34.6/11", 60 g. Quantity: 1000		10,957
34.6/11", 2 copies, 60 g. Quantity: 1000		38,430
34.6/11", 3 copies, 60 g. Quantity: 1000		61,956
Standard, 21.6/11", 1 copy, 70 g. Quantity: 1000		10,635
21.6/11", 1 copy, 60 g. Quantity: 1000		8,700
21.6/11", 2 copies, 60 g. Quantity: 1000		27,956
48/11", 1 copy, 60 g. Quantity: 1000		15,146
30.5/8", 1 copy, 60 g. Quantity: 1000		10,957
Econoprint, Quantity: 1000		10,070
37.8/11", 1 copy, 70 g. Quantity: 1000		12,890
25/11", 1 copy, 70 g. Quantity: 1000		10,635
30.5/8.5", 1 copy, 70 g. Quantity: 1000		12,890
Computer programming form, Quantity: 1000		15,468
Standard accounting forms, Quantity: 1000		15,468
Continuous envelopes ("Envelope"), Quantity: 1000		26,586
Import clearance form, 5 copies, Quantity: 1000		62,842
Enclosures for import clearance forms, Quantity: 1000		26,104
Microperforated continuous forms for computers, 70 g. 25/11, Quantity: 1000		14,824
Microperforated continuous forms for computers, plain, 70 g. Quantity: 1000		13,592
Snap-out memos, 3 copies, Quantity: 1000		36,640

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Prices for fresh and processed agricultural products, in force from November 6, 1984

Product

Price per unit (IS)

MILK AND MILK DRINKS

Pasteurized milk, 3% fat, 1/2 litre

Pasteurized milk, 3% fat, 1 litre bag

Pasteurized milk, 1% (low) fat, 1/2 litre bag

Sterilized milk, 565 ml.

Sterilized milk, 1% (low) fat, 565 ml. bottle

Rivion milk, 1 1/2% fat, plastic or carton container, 1/2 litre

Pasteurized Choco, 200 ml. bag

Amid milk, carton container, 1 litre

Pasteurized, 1% (low) fat, 1 litre bag

Homogenized milk, 1% fat carton container

SOUR CREAM PRODUCTS

Eshel (Truva), Idit (Tara) sour cream 170 ml. tub

Laben, 3% fat, Gil (Truva), Oz (Tara)

170 ml. tub

Yogurt, Truva or Tara, 170 ml. tub

Danuba (Truva), Danona (Strauss) 170 ml. tub

SOFT AND WHITE CHEESES

Regular low fat cheese, Tara, 250 g. package

Canaan (Truva) low fat cheese for slicing, 250 g. package

Canaan (Truva) low fat cheese for slicing, 500 g. package

Canaan (Truva) low fat cheese for slicing, 250 g. package

Truva low fat cheese for spreading, 250 g. tub

Tuv Taam (Tara) semi-fat (5%) cheese for slicing, 250 g. package

Semi-fat (5%) cheese, Truva and Tara, 250 g. tub

Savon, (Truva) semi-fat cheese, 125 g. box

Truva fat (9%) spreading cheese, 250 g. box

Truva Cottage cheese, 9% fat, 225 g. tub

Fat (12%) spreading cheese, Truva and Tara, 250 g. tub

Ein Hamed, Hamed (Truva) salt cheese, 250 g. package

Brinze cheese (Truva, Tara) 250 g. package

Feta cow's milk cheese, Tara, 1 kg. container

HARD CHEESES

Gilboa (Truva) semi-fat hard cheese, 1 kg.

Gilboa (Truva) semi-fat hard cheese, sliced, 200 g. pack

Emek (Truva), dark, semi-fat cheese, 200 g. pack

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THERE ARE six million psoriasis sufferers in the United States, and only 100 have been to the Dead Sea.

These were not the words of a Tourism Ministry official or the owner of a hotel at the Dead Sea, but of Joe Laparda, a 20-year-old psoriasis patient from Los Angeles, who was displaying the last vestiges of his disfiguring skin ailment to a group of journalists. Laparda, a musician who spent much of his time in hospitals in less than successful attempts to alleviate the symptoms of the genetic skin ailment, came to the Dead Sea after reading an article in the *Los Angeles Times*.

"I never felt sexy in Los Angeles," the outspoken young man told the reporters, "but I feel sexy here." Asked about opportunities for social life in the area, he replied with an ambiguous grin, "Man, it's the lowest place on earth."

But despite the continued flow of patients, many of them return cases who feel that the Dead Sea is their one efficacious remedy, there has never been a controlled medical study of the Dead Sea treatment. Dr. David Abels, director of the local skin clinic, told the press. He explained that about 2 per cent of the world's population is born with a tendency to develop the chronic disease, characterized by red, scaly spots on the skin.

For many of the estimated 50 million psoriasis victims around the world, said Abels, the discomfort is mild, with only small areas around the elbows affected. But others, with unsightly patches over many parts of the body, come literally as "social outcasts."

Many of them have undergone many different treatments which didn't work, including acupuncture and faith-healing.

The Dead Sea treatment is not claimed to effect a cure, in the sense that the symptoms will not recur, but it often results in a remission in cases where other treatments don't help. Patients also note that it is far more pleasant (and cheaper) to stay at a hotel at the Dead Sea than to undergo long hospitalization at home.

"It is the only disease in which the treatment is a pleasure," one patient told Abels.

New life from the Dead Sea

By HAIM SHAPIRO / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Sun-bathing areas for psoriasis sufferers at the Dead Sea. (Braun)

THE TREATMENT seems to work because of the physical characteristics of the area, which at 390 metres below sea level is indeed the lowest place on earth. The many layers of atmosphere, combined with the continual evaporation of the Dead Sea, filter the rays of the sun to exclude some of the harmful ones and concentrate some of the more beneficial.

Also efficacious, for at least some of the patients, is the sea itself, with a 33 per cent mineral concentration. Just for comparison, the ocean has a mineral concentration of 3 per cent and the Great Salt Lake in Utah, 20-27 per cent.

But just as helpful seems to be the method of treatment for a malady which has a psychosomatic element.

"I came here with long sleeves down to here," said Laparda, indicating his wrists, "and the first thing I had to do was strip and get out in the sun." Since everyone else in

the solarium is a psoriasis patient, he doesn't have to be self-conscious about exposing himself. "I can ask a fellow patient to put cream on me, rather than a nurse who might feel turned off," he said.

"It's 100 per cent better to relax here than go to a hospital," he declared. In one hospital, the treatment consisted of a combination of ultra-violet lamps and coal-tar applications. When he wanted to get out for the weekend, he had to ask for a special pass.

ALTHOUGH THERE is no thorough, medically-based study of the effects of the area on psoriasis, a pilot survey of 130 patients showed that over 85 were completely cleared or almost cleared of it.

In the very difficult cases, where such results were not seen, the patients said that their stay at the Dead Sea worked as well as, or better than, any other treatment they had tried. In most cases, patients said

that the remission period was longer, and when the symptoms did reappear, they were milder than with other treatments.

Usually, patients are told to go into the sun for 10 to 20 minutes the first day, progressing gradually to a point where they spend up to six hours in the sun. The solarium, which are divided into sections for men and women, are equipped with simple deck-chairs, and giant fans for periods when there is little wind.

Most of the patients lay in the sun, reading or listening to radios or tape recorders, but one group was busy playing a game of *boule*.

ACCORDING TO Bill Dowds, who had come from Wales for his 14th visit to the Dead Sea, the facilities have improved enormously since he first came in 1976. Then, he said, it was "like a penitentiary," today it is very comfortable.

Now retired, Dowds comes to the Dead Sea whenever the symptoms of psoriasis show up. In search of treatment, he had previously been to the Black Sea, various places on the Mediterranean coast, but none had helped as much as the Dead Sea.

He estimates that each visit costs him about £1,000, currently equivalent to \$1,200. He no longer pays the clinic the \$150 fee which provides complete medical services, including check-ups and salves, because he feels that by now he knows quite well how to treat himself.

Abels said that a patient pays about \$30 a day for a room with half board, and that the entire visit costs about \$1,500 for a patient coming from Europe and \$2,000 for one coming from North America. But he added that this must be seen in the light of hospital fees, which in the U.S. can easily reach \$500 a day.

For Europeans, who make up the bulk of the patients at the Dead Sea, the cost is often paid in full or in part by their medical insurance schemes. It is the lack of an authenticated medical study which makes such payment impossible for Americans.

Ironically, one of the most bitter groups of patients are the Israelis. Kipat Holim Klalit, which covers the bulk of the population, will pay nothing towards psoriasis treatment at the Dead Sea.

with Barlin extending individual help and encouragement. "My aim is to provide a feeling of body vitality and to wake up the brain," she explains.

It is Fishbein, production manager in the accessories factory, finds that the callisthenics break "raises our spirits, makes the *haverim* feel better and gives them a feeling of joy in their work." She notes that the workers don't exercise to increase production, but finds this is one result.

In the U.S., Barlin is currently engaged on a government-funded pilot project with school children which she says has already considerably raised the I.Q. level. She is also active in the Artists in Schools national endowment for the arts programme. In Israel, in addition to her work at Ein Hashofet, Barlin does teacher training at the Aryeh Kaleb Centre for Movement and Dance in Herzliya, and trains kindergarten teachers for the Ministry of Education.

The kibbutz callisthenics are not "official" and have never been voted on by the general assembly of members which governs kibbutz life. But it has been accepted by tacit consensus and Barlin feels she is now well on the way.

"The exercises are designed to release tensions, both physical and emotional, and open people to their own bodies and emotions so they can be freer and more relaxed with themselves and others," she says.

Working both here and in the U.S., she can compare "tension levels" and has found that "there is so much more of it here. I can sense it all the way up from the five-year-olds, a projection from the tensions adults have to live with in this country."

The exercise business

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

volunteered for the accessories factory," she told *The Jerusalem Post*. The plant has 75 workers, all but 10 of them veterans past retirement age, who continue doing part-time work into their eighties. They produce over \$5m. worth of mini-transformers for neon lights, of which nearly 40 per cent are exported to Europe and Australia.

"I thought that the workers, who have sit-down jobs, really needed to stretch. Now it's become a movement in the kibbutz," Barlin smiles.

On the factory floor, the elderly men and women, some of them handicapped, are joined by some very young girls who work in the next room. The accompanying music ranges from Yiddish melodies to jazzed-up Japanese tunes.

The series of movements looks quite casual, but in fact "very carefully planned with years of experience in its composition." It activates every muscle in the body and provides a feeling of relaxation. Having joined one of the lessons, I can attest to their efficacy.

When Barlin is away in California, a kibbutz girl whom she has trained takes over. The callisthenics break is now a welcome regular morning feature in five kibbutz workshops as

well as the kitchen and is spreading through the kibbutz.

The handicapped can follow the exercises only partially, but they do as much as they can. All agree that "they do us a lot of good." After callisthenics they take their coffee break and then go back to work for another couple of hours.

IT WASN'T TOO easy introducing callisthenics, Barlin notes, because like so many Israelis, the kibbutzniks considered exercises a waste of time and effort. On the other hand, Barlin has met no resistance on account of being a woman.

She started off with young mothers and their month-old infants, teaching the women to exercise and massage their babies. "Then I moved into parents' and children's groups, providing them with movement and dance experience to relate to each other and their own bodies." Gradually the idea caught on.

Today, apart from the factories, Barlin gives classes in the kindergarten and the high school and organizes a dance class for older women. She feels sure that, in time, the younger men will also want to join in.

Participation is totally voluntary.

Music for the masses

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FORTY YEARS ago, immediately after the last war, Victor Hochhauser, a young music impresario who had arrived in London as a refugee from Czechoslovakia six years earlier, began to promote a series of classical concerts at London's famous Royal Albert Hall. These were to prove so popular that they remain a regular feature of London's musical scene.

The philosophy behind them was very simple: to provide high quality concerts at popular prices with the best orchestras and young soloists for wide audiences who would not normally attend the more adventurous musical events, and also to create a gentle and pleasant introduction to the world of great music, and thus develop a taste for more adventurous programmes.

Now for the first time with the help of Yehuda Fickler, a similar series of concerts is being introduced with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. A series of five concerts is being arranged over the next few months on the assumption that they will appeal to wide Israeli audiences, as they have to British music lovers.

Many more will be planned later.

Among the regular items in the programmes will be the works of such composers as Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Grieg, Rachmaninov, Mendelssohn, Johann Strauss, etc., as well as music from ballet and opera. In addition there will be something which has not been available in London, a *hazzanut* concert with the famous cantor Malovsky accompanied by the JSO.

In Britain many of the artists who now enjoy world-wide reputations were given their first opportunity in the Hochhauser series. In Israel too, young musicians, as well as established performers, will be appearing. As Victor Hochhauser and his wife Lilian put it: "We want to provide an excellent evening's performance with the best music available by the finest musicians - and at popular prices."

The Hochhausers, who travel frequently between London and Jerusalem, arranged a trial popular concert in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City in 1978, but this did not have any follow-up. (The Jerusalem weather was cold and windy for that

open-air event.)

The concerts planned now will be in Binyanei Ha'uma, which seats nearly 3,000. Tickets will be "popularly priced," and the five programmes being offered this season should, indeed, induce many people, young and old, to attend these concerts with no fear that an overly sophisticated programme will spoil their pleasure.

For the first - an all-Tchaikovsky programme - a problem arose: the score of the *1812 Overture* calls for six cannon shots, but one can't bring a cannon into Binyanei Ha'uma. With the help of the Jerusalem police, an adequate but less suspicious solution has been found.

In the second concert, former British prime minister Edward Heath will conduct; the scheduled soloist is Ilan Rechtman, who won second prize at the most difficult International Piano Competition at San Antonio, Texas. There were 35 candidates, and 21-year-old Ilan was beaten by a local pianist ten years his senior. Ilan will perform Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto on January 31 in this series.

A Zionist in Africa

Kenya, who became Kenya's first president, Issy served the new state as chairman of the Kenya Meat Board. He was twice elected lord mayor of Nairobi, a reflection of the general affection and trust he inspired.

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the proudest moment of his life occurred in 1949 when he hoisted the blue-and-white flag as Israel's honorary consul for East Africa. In the years that followed he was deeply involved in all Israel's manifold activities in that important region, and his door was open to all visiting Israelis.

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Getting to grips with all the implications Package deal likely to stop all sales of apartments

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The three-month freeze imposed by the "package deal" will probably lead to a total freeze in the sale of flats during this period, according to the Federation of Contractors and Builders.

David Stern, president of the federation, on Monday night told members "do not sign any contracts until the matter is thrashed out between our lawyers and those of the government."

The problem does not concern contracts already signed, where payment in shekels is linked to the dollar, since full linkage is provided by law.

The problem emerges with ongoing work, which will be finished within the three-month period, or with the sale of new flats. The contractors say that such work, and such new deals, must be linked to the dollar (or to the index), since customers will prefer to buy slightly before the end of the three-month freeze, and pick up a flat at a 30 or 40 per cent reduction in real price (in dollar terms).

Zvi Friedman, spokesman of the federation, also noted that several other serious problems are worrying the contractors. If a wholesaler imports metal or wood, will he be

forced to sell it at a loss, that is to say, while he has paid in dollars, will he have to sell in shekels which are daily losing their value? And what about all those tenders which have been opened, but not signed? No contractor will sign them, if this means losing money.

"These contractors will prefer to take a three-month vacation, rather than a three-month loss," Friedman said.

Householders who have dollar-linked or index-linked mortgages to pay face another problem. These mortgages will continue to be linked during the three months, while the wages of the householders will be frozen. "This will put an unusual squeeze on them."

Moreover, the banks will probably be leery about granting new mortgages during this period, since the mortgages will be linked to the index, which will probably rise slowly for these three months, but will then jump up suddenly at the end of the period. A solution would be for the mortgages to be linked in such a fashion that there would be "no sudden and frightening jump" at the end of the three-month period, Friedman said. "A householder who suddenly sees that his mortgage payments have jumped by 60 per cent in one month is going to tear his hair out."

Corfu sees jobless 'working on the railroad'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Transport Ministry has projects that can absorb a large number of workers if unemployment spreads.

Minister Haim Corfu at a press conference here yesterday said that the most important national projects in his ministry are a suburban train and a railroad line to Eilat.

He said that his ministry has approved three suburban commuter lines. A fourth, from Holon-Bat-Yam to Tel Aviv, has been postponed because of problems with land-rights, he said.

One line is to go from Petah Tikva, and at a later stage from Rosh Ha'ayin, to Tel Aviv; the second line from Lod-Ramle, and at a later stage from Ben-Gurion Airport, to Tel Aviv; the third from the Kravot suburbs of Haifa to the centre of Haifa. Each line will cost about \$70 million and at first will have about eight stations

each. The money will come from both government and private sources.

Corfu said that the suburban lines are needed to ease the congestion on the roads to and from those cities. These lines will use existing track wherever possible. The bus cooperatives will be partners in the venture and will supply feeder buses to and from the stations. He promised that the new lines will make travelling cheaper and faster.

He also revealed that the ministry is in the midst of changing the status of Israel Railways, which is a department in the ministry. He said it may be united with the Ports Authority or with Israel Chemicals, which is the main shipper on the railroads, and several other companies.

Corfu also said a committee he appointed is to submit its findings shortly comparing the price of transporting coal by rail from Eilat with the cost of shipping it through the Suez Canal to Israel's Mediterranean ports.



Arie Ostrinsky, deputy-general manager of Israel Aircraft Industries, at left, hands out this week one of the 158 diplomas of "Licenced Technician" won by workers of the company in 1,800 hours of courses spread over three and a half years.

3 times more people hurt in work mishaps than on roads

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Work accidents last year cost the government \$160 billion and the number of injured was more than three times that of people hurt in traffic accidents.

These grim statistics were cited yesterday by Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katzav at an awards ceremony here for 53 workers at fruit-packing plants, held at the Citrus Fruit Marketing Board.

Katzav noted that the number of injured workers had dropped from 76,715 in 1982/83 to 62,610 in 1983/84, with a corresponding drop in the

number of work-days lost from 1.2 million to 1.1m. days.

The minister praised the safety record of the citrus industry's 53 packing plants, whose 5,806 workers were involved in only 107 accidents last year, a rate of 1.8 per cent. Of the industry's 780,000 work-days last year, only 998 were lost due to work accidents.

Notwithstanding last year's slight improvement, Katzav stressed that more attention must be paid to workers' safety. Last year 1.4 million workers were employed in the country.

New J'lem science-based firm sure of its export market

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Stable radioisotopes will soon be produced in Jerusalem by the capital's newest science-based company, Isomed.

Isotopes are atoms of the same element that differ in atomic weight. A radioisotope is one that can easily be detected because it is radioactive. A stable isotope is of the type that does not "wander" when introduced into a body or substance, for testing or reinforcing purposes. In industry, radioisotopes are also used to measure the density or thickness of material in production.

A company spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that Isomed, located in the Har Habotzim Industrial Park on the Ramot Road, was founded by two scientists who have developed and patented a process of producing stable isotopes well below the current world market price of about \$2,000 per gram. The scientists are Yale University professor Jay Hirshfield and Hebrew Uni-

versity professor Felix Dotan, who spent his sabbatical year at Yale working on the project.

The spokesman said that despite its "modest capitalization from a few individual investors," the company was able to start up thanks to financial support from the Israel Investment Centre and from the Ministry of Industry and Trade's office of the chief scientist.

Isomed's first stable isotopes are expected to be shipped to customers some time next year, the spokesman said. He added: "The demand for them is so great and producers so few that we foresee no marketing problems whatsoever." In addition to stable isotopes, Isomed has developed several new metal coating processes that improve a surface's wear and corrosion resistance.

According to the spokesman, a major U.S. aerospace company, which he would not identify, is examining the Isomed coating processes with the possibility of entering into joint development agreements with Isomed.

Galilee kibbutz spends \$2m. to set up plastics factory

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A new technological method of producing plastics, the first major development in this field in 20 years, has been acquired by Kibbutz Sasa, in the Galilee, it was announced yesterday.

The process was developed by the NAWC Plastics Corporation, of Staatsburg, New York, whose representative, Jack Shute, is now visiting Israel to help the kibbutz set up its plant. The kibbutz will invest \$2m. in setting up and equipping the factory. During the first year of operation (it is now accepting orders and should go into production in March or April, 1985) it should produce goods worth about \$1m., rising to \$2m. in the second year.

According to Uzi Naveh, and Uri Baratz, of the kibbutz, and according to Shute, there are five standard methods of producing plastics: injection, extrusion, vacuum injection, pressure injection, and rotation. The new method, called VIM, which stands for vibration moulding, uses, as the name indicates, vibrations to mould the raw materials at a low temperature (slightly below the melting point). This allows the plastics to maintain more of its qualities, which it loses if heated to past the melting point, and prevents internal stresses within the material itself.

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Drop in remittances by Egyptian workers

CAIRO. (Reuters). — Economy Minister Mustapha Said has reported a sharp decline in Egypt's main hard currency source, remittances by workers abroad, for the period July-September, but he denied the country was facing a foreign exchange crisis.

He said that workers' remittances dropped from 285 million Egyptian pounds (\$343 m.) for July-September 1983 to 157.5 m. pounds (\$190 m.) for the same period of this year.

Bankers have said the drop, combined with a government crackdown on black market currency dealers, has made dollars scarce and pushed the U.S. currency to record highs against the Egyptian pound on the black market.

The dollar this week was selling for 1.40 pounds, compared to 1.25 pounds one month ago.

Zim's Egyptian and Lebanese trade is dead or dwindling

By Ya'acov Friedler
HAIFA. — Zim is continuing its regular fortnightly service to Egypt, but there is now "practically no trade" between Israel and that country. The container ship which maintains the service brings cargoes from foreign countries to Alexandria and picks up cargo for foreign ports there, new Zim general manager Matty Morgenstern told the press yesterday.

Zim continues to bring imports for Lebanese merchants to Haifa, from where they are taken overland to the border. But this trade too is shrinking, he said.

On the other hand, Zim's business on its "overland bridge" between Ashdod and Eilat harbours, paralleling the Suez Canal "is continuing on an even keel." Thousands of containers are going in both directions, "to everybody's surprise," Morgenstern said.

He added that in view of the continuing shipping slump, coupled with Israel's economic difficulties, the management had started talks on efficiency measures with the representatives of its shore-based employees and with seamen. He would not say whether this would entail many dismissals, saying only that it would all be worked out through mutual agreement.

He confirmed that it was now quite difficult to get financing for shipping from international banks, which are wary of putting their money into the trade. This applies especially to Israeli shippers, who face the double "Israel risk" of political and now also economic difficulties.

Zim, in concert with the other local shipping companies, is pressing the government for the status of exporters of services in order to qualify for export incentives.

Swiss Union Bank buys London brokerage house

ZURICH (Reuters). — Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS) said this week it planned to acquire Phillips & Drew, one of London's largest stockbroking firms, to take advantage of moves designed to boost the role of London as a world financial centre.

The price of the takeover, which will take place in several stages and could be completed by 1986, was not disclosed.

Steps to make the London stock market more competitive with New York have provoked a spate of mergers in Britain and a surge of foreign interest, but UBS — the largest bank in Switzerland — said it was the first Swiss bank to buy into a London brokerage firm.

The first step in the purchase was taken with an agreement that UBS would take a 29.9 per cent interest in Phillips & Drew.

The full takeover will occur as soon as regulations on the London stock exchange permit.

Moves under way to deregulate the British stock market will end fixed commissions as well as the

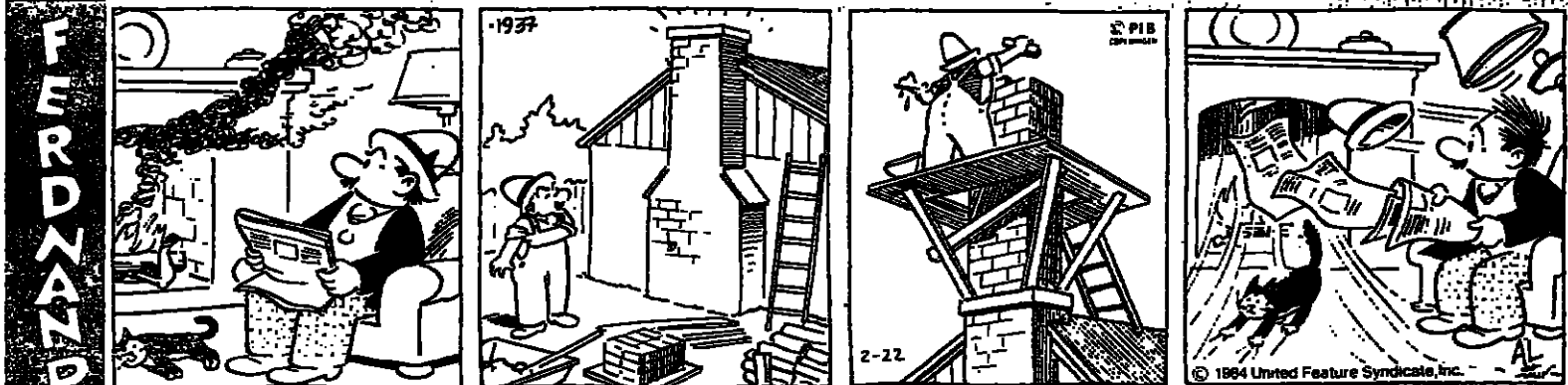
expensive "single capacity system of trading," under which members of the exchange may act only as a broker — the agent for investors — or as a jobber, who carries out the transaction on the exchange.

Many American firms have expanded their London offices or invested in London brokers since deregulation moves began.

A year ago the New York bank holding company Citicorp bought 29.9 per cent of the London branch of the international securities group Vickers de Costa, and last month Shearson Lehman/American Express said it intended to buy five per cent of L. Messel, a major dealer in British government bonds and stocks.

And Deutsche Bank, the largest bank in West Germany, is said by Frankfurt banking sources to be planning to take a five per cent interest in London merchant bankers Morgan Grenfell.

Before the takeover announcement, UBS president Nikolaus Senn referred at a press conference to the "significant decline of the competitiveness of Switzerland."



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| 17 A type of front-page story is often too clever by half (5-5) | 8 Somersaulting director caught in the act and laughed at (7) |
| 19 High-rise feature in Switzerland with a terribly cold north wall (5) | 14 Surveys rail transport; heavy bags show how he must feel it (3-6) |
| 22 Jumped for physical exercise on the grassland (5) | 16 The supreme Holmesian art I'd counted out (9) |
| 23 Learner ejected from teacher's demonstration area — that makes one sit up (4-5) | 17 Eating up the miles in strapping style (7) |
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| 26 Opening letter, I find a pound in it first (7) | 20 Tearing, twisting — that's rock! (7) |
| 27 Having the wooden look that identifies the tree? (7) | 21 Deputy-leutenant rides out and peppers his target with shot (7) |
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U.S. home sales rebound sharply

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Home sales in the U.S. jumped 21.9 per cent last month, the sharpest increase in more than four years, the Commerce Department said.

Although explained partly by a weak August, when sales slumped 8.8 per cent, the surprisingly strong gain last month gave the Reagan Administration more good economic news.

Housing analysts also attributed the rise to lower interest rates and a greater availability of mortgage money.

After Indira, gov't stabilizes market

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — A government directive to public financial institutions to purchase shares helped to prevent sharp falls when India's stock exchanges reopened Monday following the assassination of Indira Gandhi.

The markets had closed shortly after news of Gandhi's shooting last Wednesday. They reopened as life in India began to return to normal after a wave of violence triggered by the murder.

A special government package included the directive to public financial institutions, and they began buying in Bombay after large-scale selling by investors, brokers said.

In Delhi prices dropped around five per cent compared with Wednesday, but later stabilized at that level.

Bombay officials fixed minimum prices below which shares could not be traded while their counterparts in Delhi said they would stop trading or take other measures rather than allow prices to fall too fast.

Most major Bombay shares fell, but to nowhere near minimum prices.

Lufthansa chairman voted head of Iata

MONTREAL. — The chairman of Lufthansa's board of directors, Heinz Ruhnau, was recently elected president of the International Air Transport Association (Iata) for 1984/85. Iata at its recent annual general assembly also elected Guenter Eser, a member of the German carrier's directorate, as the organization's director-general. Ruhnau is expected to come to Israel on a business trip this month.

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Egypt invites bids for 1985 oil contracts

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt has invited international oil firms to submit bids by November 22 for 1985 crude oil contracts, an Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC) spokesman said yesterday.

He said the contracts, which industry sources said are expected to cover a total of between 150,000 and 200,000 barrels per day, would be finalized by December 20.

Egypt, which is not a member of Opec, sets oil prices monthly in line with market trends but solicits annual requests for quantities and blends.

Oil Minister Abdel Hadi Kandeel said recently exports were running at an average of 290,000 bpd. Roughly half is allotted through production sharing agreements with foreign firms, while the rest is sold in annual contracts.

TEACH'EM. — The Abu Dhabi national oil company (ADNOC) is to train North Yemeni nationals in the petroleum industry as part of a move to exchange Arab oil industry expertise.

TWINNING. — French and Israeli notables, including France's Ambassador to Israel Jacques Dupont, attended a ceremony in Ashkelon Thursday twinning that city to the French town of St. Sur.

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"Choose Your Own Investment" and "Investment Service" are just two of the new slogans you may have stumbled across - or had thrown at you - by your friendly neighborhood bank recently. Don't worry, they are not out to do you a favour. There is, however, a new approach at work. In some respects, the underlying concepts are almost revolutionary for Israeli banks.

Take Bank Leumi first. Our largest and most venerable banking institution announced on October 30 a "special explanatory programme for choosing investment vehicles." The background for this programme and the need for it are soon made clear: "In view of the constant economic changes, Bank Leumi finds it necessary to have the customer as a partner in the professional considerations that should guide it in choosing investment vehicles, and in this framework the bank has opened a special explanatory campaign for its customers and the general public."

The key "professional considerations" to be taken into account, according to the bank, are the length of the investment - short, medium or long, the sort of linkage involved, whether to the index, dollar or just plain unlinked interest, and finally, the degree of liquidity of the investment.

The bank says it is convinced that giving the public information about the "professional considerations" in choosing an investment will help customers in picking the investment most suitable to their needs.

Before examining the implications of this extraordinary piece of self-revelation, it is worth tracing the roots of this new approach to investment counselling, which the banks are suddenly bandying about as if they had discovered America.

The plain truth is that Leumi did not invent this approach of "letting the customer decide for himself." The first signs of it appeared earlier this year at Bank Hapoalim, and since then the idea has developed and is being marketed by that bank with considerably more sophistication than distinguished the Leumi effort.

As early as January 15 of this year, Hapoalim announced the introduction of an "inclusive advisory service

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for customers." The propaganda blurb went on to tell - really to remind - the clientele that in the current state of the economy etc. etc., reaching a decision on what to do with one's money was more difficult than ever. Therefore, the bank intended to help the poor, confused customer by giving him the largest number of investment options. It could then turn round and say "we have provided you with all the tools, now go ahead and use them."

This new policy proved highly successful and was gradually broadened. Most recently, Hapoalim had a very broad-based investment campaign, encompassing such different areas as mutual funds, savings schemes of both index-linked and dollar-linked varieties, and bonus offers in the provident fund section of the "investment cake" as well.

Once again, the underlying theme of the campaign has been along the by-now tried and tested lines: "We all know that it is difficult to decide how to invest money today. On the other hand you must do something with it, because in these times of uncertainty (etc. etc.) everyone must have savings. We offer you such a broad range of possibilities that you can easily find the one most suitable for you. Once you have defined your needs come to us and take advantage of our all-embracing investment service."

The origins of the new approach are to be found in the collapse of the bank shares in October 1983. This disaster shattered public confidence in the banks and their services, even if they were only acting as middlemen, peddling government savings schemes and the like. People remembered only too well how the so-called "investment advisers" in the banks had rammed down their throats the shares of the banks and

any other investment item that management found convenient and profitable to flog off at a specific time. There was, in short, a passive consumer revolt.

However, the shock of the collapse soon wore off, and customers found, by the beginning of 1984, that they were in uncharted territory as far as the state of the economy was concerned. From lack of choice, they turned again to the banks. They were determined, however, not to buy any "loshak" the bank chose to sell them.

Behind the desk in the banks things had changed too. Both the clerks and advisers who had been all but physically assaulted by their customers in October, and the central management who directed them, all knew that there could be no going back to the old marketing systems. Furthermore, the more honest ones admitted, at least to themselves, that in the current climate of uncertainty they really didn't know what was best any more, either for the customer or even for the bank. What looked great today had been in the garbage can last month, and as for next month, well - who knows?

Hapoalim had the presence of mind to institutionalise these sentiments. They told their customers "We don't know all the answers. We've learnt our lesson. Let's try and help each other." Not surprisingly, the response was positive. Even less surprisingly, once the other banks saw the way the wind was blowing, they jumped on the bandwagon.

The essence of the new approach is passing the buck. You pass your buck to the banks, and they pass the buck of deciding in what to invest back to you. "Give us your money and break your own head" may not be a catchy advertising slogan, but it epitomises the attitude involved.

There is, in fact, an educative process at work here. The banks are trying to make their customers view their overall investment portfolio as one whole, and to set it against their liabilities. In this way intelligent investment decisions can be made. But by saying that, the iniquities of the old system are further highlighted: until recently, the approach was entirely wholesale, along the lines of "this is what we're selling now, it's great. Everybody's buying it, and so should you."

Yet the longer-term question is whether the banks are at all suited to their new role of individual investment adviser. The structure of the large banks, the quality of their personnel and the diversity of their customers all militate against the success of this type of service from this form of organization.

"What we will probably see, over the coming years," says David Duke, a Jerusalem-based economic consultant, "is a gradual withdrawal by the banks from the field of investments. The overt rationale will be their need to reduce the level of their services in order to cut costs. Underlying this will be their inability to give a mass service cheaply, and their unsuitability to giving a specialized service at a reasonable price. The solution will be to move away from the whole field except perhaps for mutual-fund management, leaving it to more professional, specialized firms. Hopefully, the government will eventually do something about licensing investment advisers, and this should help to regularise the level of service and protect customers."

The first signs of this trend are already apparent, in Duke's opinion, in the securities sector of the investment market. "Under cover of the stock market slump, the banks have dismantled much of the customer-service apparatus that used to exist. Even when the market picks up, the old-style mass participation will not re-emerge, because even minimal transaction charges are now much higher. Up-market services, such as research and professional portfolio management, are not within the purview of the big commercial banks at all."

Bonds seen taking the lead

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange
By PINHAS LANDAU

A quite different pattern emerged in yesterday's trading from the trends that had characterized the first two days of trading this week. Share volume slumped to half that of Monday, and the balance between advancing and declining issues fell to a more normal 2.5:1. Bank shares continued to erode, while "free" shares, while generally ahead, rose by much smaller margins. Instead, and in contrast to their dormancy hitherto, index-linked bonds moved ahead quite strongly.

Taking bonds first, this market moved from the swings to centre stage. Although volume in this market, too, fell by one-third when compared to Sunday and Monday, trading was marked by the re-emergence of demand, and most issues moved ahead quite strongly. The overall bond index rose by some 2.6 per cent, with index-linked bonds gaining 3.25 per cent. Only the dollar-linked bonds failed to take part in the rally.

There are at least two possible rationales to explain the change of mood in the bond market. One possibility is that investors are sceptical about the chances of the package deal to restrain inflation and are therefore moving into index-linked investments.

LONDON BANK RATES

	prev.	close
Bank base rate	10%	10%
91 day treasury	9 1/8%	9 1/8%
3-months interbank	10 1/4%	10 1/4%
Lloyds Bank International, London		

An exactly opposite theory may also be put forward, namely that the prospect of lower, more tolerable rates of inflation is making bonds a more attractive investment. This is because at lower, but still high rates of inflation, the erosion-on-redemption factor, (i.e. the fact that bonds are redeemed on the basis of the previous month's index and are therefore eroded in value before the money is received by the bondholder.) is reduced and bonds become a more efficient method of protection against inflation.

Yet a third possibility, and perhaps the most likely, is that, on the basis of the low volume in the bond market yesterday - less than \$2 million - no far-reaching conclusions can or should be drawn. Only if a more definite trend is established can a proper analysis be made.

Turning now to the share market, the main features to emerge were the moderating of the overall very sharp rises that characterized the market on Sunday and even more so on Monday. At the same time, a number of individual issues rose by very sharp margins indeed, as the statistics column shows.

Indeed, the inclusion of the Tadir Cement issues, with their 65-78 per cent jumps, and the Man ISI share's 72 per cent effort, over-shadowed the moves of 40 per cent by the Oz Investments share and a number of

other 25-40 per cent gains. On a regular day these would easily have made the "sharpest moves" list.

Nevertheless, these types of jumps are more typical of the tail-end of a rally, and the fact that only 17 issues were "buyers only" and the sharp gainers numbered "only" 118, illustrates more clearly the dampening of the euphoric mood.

Yet, in spite of this marked bout of profit-taking, it could be possible to accept the more optimistic approach that terms this sort of action a "profit-taking de luxe," in other words one that is absorbed without any significant downward pressure. However, this argument ignores the weak point of the day, namely the poor volume.

In classic Tel Aviv Stock Market tactics, the first bout of profit-taking should mark the meeting between buyers and sellers. The former look to take advantage of the emergence of sellers after days of "buyers only," and the latter seek to take quick profits.

In such a case the volume should expand considerably - yet this has not occurred or, if it did, it was on Monday. Yesterday's meagre volume shows that the public is not interested in joining the share scramble. It would also seem to indicate that the mini-boom in the share market was indeed short and sweet.

NOTICE

To gain more space for business news The Post has dropped the third column, which gave the actual change in prices, from its stock quotations. The last column gives the percentage change.

Currency markets indecisive

LONDON (Reuters). - The dollar swung erratically on currency markets yesterday as dealers awaited the results of the U.S. presidential elections.

After opening at just above 2.92 marks, the dollar edged uncertainly upwards to close in Frankfurt near its day's high at 2.9498 marks, with some dealers predicting further gains if President Reagan wins his expected victory.

But others said the upturn owed more to the thin and jittery trading conditions than to renewed confidence in the recently denied dollar.

In London, sterling maintained most of its recent gains despite a half per cent cut yesterday in a key British interest rate. The long-awaited fall in commercial banks' base lending rate to 10 per cent - the first in almost three months - followed news

from the Bank of England that Britain's money supply rose modestly in the four weeks to October 17 and is within its target range for the year.

Sterling took the base-rate cut in its stride, holding steady at around 1.2615 dollars.

This was one cent below its best level of \$1.2717 early in the day, but dealers attributed the slight losses of sterling and other major currencies to dollar buying by operators covering themselves ahead of the election results.

Apart from a possible brief upsurge after Reagan's expected victory, most dealers believe the dollar will extend its recent slide under pressure from weakening U.S. interest rates, slowing American economic growth and a belief that the Federal Reserve will further relax its grip on monetary policy.

U.S. stock market open on election day

NEW YORK (AP). - The stock market opened broadly higher yesterday as the United States elected a new president.

The stock market wrote some history of its own by being open on the day of a presidential election for the first time since organized securities trading began in the U.S. nearly 200 years ago.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 4.75, to 1,233.99, in the opening half-hour after advancing more than 12 points Monday. Gainers jumped out to a 2 to 1 lead over losers on the New York Stock Exchange.

The market's brisk runup this week was credited to a sharp decline in U.S. interest rates, which some Wall Streeters said reflected an apparent easing of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve. The U.S.

central bank is seen making reserves more available to the banking system because it does not want the American economy's slowing expansion to become so severe as to pose the threat of recession.

The Federal Reserve, the government securities market and many major banks were closed yesterday because of the election, which was expected to limit activity in the stock market.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices	Value	% Change
General Share Index	552.21	+0.33%
Non-Bank Index	392.74	+1.60%
Arrangement Index	653.72	+0.18%
Industrials	460.31	+1.89%
Bond Index	420.09	+2.59%

Turnovers	Value
Shares	IS 1156.0m.
Bonds	IS 935.0m.
Totals	IS 2091.2m.
Advances	230
Declines	94

4% fully-linked:	Mizes to 3%
3% fully-linked:	Rises to 6.5%
90% linked:	Rises to 4.5%
Double-option:	Rises to 6.5%
Dollar-linked:	Falls to 2%

Most Active Shares	Value	% Change
IDB	21180	+1.14m.
Mizrahi	8620	+1.86m.
Leumi	9885	+1.87m.

Sharpest Moves	Value	% Change
Beton Tadir IS5	1200	+526 -78%
Man IS1	2515	+1050 +41%
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FOREIGN CURRENCY

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:	Value	% Change
US\$	1.2696/1.2701	per £
DM	2.9362/2.9380	per £
Dutch G	3.3683/3.3105	per £
Swiss FR	2.4170/2.4190	per £
Belgian Con	59.2600/59.2800	per £
French FR	9.0210/9.0250	per £
Italian Lire	1833.20/1833.70	per £
Yen	242.30/242.35	per £
YUS	1.0090/1.0095	per SDR

GOLD: \$345.95	Value
FORWARD RATES:	Value
1m:	1.2696/1.2701
3m:	1.2696/1.2701
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The uses of humbug

IF, AS OFFICIAL spokesmen tell us, there is no particular reason for South African Foreign Minister Roelof "Pik" Botha to visit Israel at this time, there is equally no reason why he shouldn't, and a surfeit of self-righteousness on this score in some political quarters on the left is misplaced.

After all, it was not a Likud government that hosted the then-prime minister of South Africa, John Vorster, on a "non-official" visit here some years ago. Nor were the relations between Israel and South Africa originally built up and nurtured by the Likud - this was done by Labour.

If the untrammelled enthusiasm of some Likud politician-businessmen over linking Israel economically to Pretoria and its Bantustans is cynical and unseemly, Labour's attempt to have it both ways smacks of over-sophistry. Non-attendance by Labour invitees at a reception in Mr. Botha's honour Monday night can only have salved their consciences if those consciences are selective and superficial.

But all this typically Israeli awkwardness pales before the rank hypocrisy of other countries in their unwarranted harping on the Israel-South Africa "connection."

In many cases their own connections with Pretoria are vastly broader and deeper than those of Israel. That goes for Saudi Arabia, which sells huge quantities of oil, wittingly, to South Africa. It goes for many Black African states whose trade with South Africa far exceeds that of Israel. And it goes for Western European countries which also trade extensively with South Africa in circumvention or outright defiance of boycotts, and whose political relations with Pretoria are closer than those of Israel.

Indeed, the South African prime minister, P.W. Botha, himself recently paid official visits to key European capitals.

Harping on a nefarious "Pretoria-Jerusalem axis" is grist for the Third World propaganda mill, and is sometimes indulged in by statesmen and commentators who really know better but who allow themselves to lapse, in this case, into a convenient double-standard.

For Israel, the complex situation surrounding South Africa requires a measure of the "realism" to which Mr. Shamir and Mr. Botha referred this week - but tempered by political sensitivity and an adherence to fundamental values.

One immutable element in our position must be a profound abhorrence of apartheid, and Foreign Minister Shamir was being unstatesmanlike in his failure to state again this oft-stated truth which bears endless repetition, even to Mr. Botha. He should have said it, both for its effect abroad and for its educational impact at home.

At the same time, Israel, like most countries, rightly seeks to maintain or establish relations with as many countries as possible, regardless of their internal regimes. There is a touch of humbug in the international pretence that apartheid is inherently more repulsive than all other systems of state persecution, some of which flourish unfettered on the African continent itself, but whose practitioners bask in international respectability.

The day of the apparatchik

By PINHAS LANDAU

"THE GOVERNMENT will put on trial producers and suppliers who refuse to sell. Industry Ministry: We will not allow a shortage of goods and services to be created." Those words formed the main headline of yesterday's edition of *Yedioth Aharonot*.

And what they mean is that the last vestiges of the free economy are being removed, with the economy being run by the bureaucrats from their Jerusalem offices.

There are four distinct reasons why the package-deal approach to solving the inflation problem is doomed to failure. Two are of a technical nature, and two reflect more fundamental flaws. Each one by itself is more than sufficient to render it worthless; and together they render the whole package into the "nonsense" that the *Economist*, the prestigious British weekly, dismissed so incisively last weekend.

The first reason is the one that every child knows: it is simply impossible, on the practical level, to enforce a total price freeze throughout the economy. The technical problems involved in switching back a semi-dollarized, 1000-per cent inflation-level economy to a fixed-price, shekel economy are insurmountable from an administrative point of view. Given the paltry numbers of inspectors and price-watchers to be deployed by the ministry involved, the situation becomes ridiculous.

The second level of failure is rather more subtle, but nonetheless potent for that: the monetary arrangements imposed on the government by the Histadrut and the manufacturers, which were, in turn, forced on the cowed and battered banking system that we are saddled with, also ensure the failure of the deal.

The intention is to hold interest rates down artificially, and to give

depositors higher rates of interest than borrowers have to pay to the banks. This is supposed to draw money out of dollar-linked investments and into shekel deposits. There are, of course, two possibilities: Either it will work, or it won't.

IF IT DOES, the banks will be flooded with shekels. They are supposed, however, not to increase overdraft and credit facilities to their customers. What then will they do with the money? Surely, if they don't know what to do with it, somebody else will. One way or another, the money will find its way to the public, or - worse still - to the government.

In any event, it will go to consumption, to maintaining the current levels of expenditures. It will thus destroy any possibility of monetary restraint, and inflation will go roaring on.

But what about the price freeze? Surely that will produce lower monthly inflation figures. Maybe it will. But the figures will not reflect what is going on in reality, only what the government reports as reality in its own little dream world. The figures will be "poodlefaked," in the *Economist's* inimitable phrase.

True, or free, or normal economic activity - call it what you will - will move underground. It will not take long. The shops have already started closing-down sales, and government officials will rapidly discover that they cannot force anyone to engage in any economic activity against his wishes. They will also discover that no one seeks to engage in economic activity just for fun, or according to conditions laid down by people who have no understanding of how markets for goods and services (or, indeed, for labour and capital) work.

This leads to the third reason for failure, this time of a more basic nature. The faceless bureaucrats in their offices in Jerusalem's Kirya are

not capable of running the economy, even if they have all the resources of money and manpower in the world.

Their record, and that of their ilk all over the world, shows them capable only of running things into the ground. They not only have no comprehension of how business enterprises and the macro-economy work, they are also in mortal fear of allowing market forces to have any role. The more they intervene the worse things get; and the worse things get, the more they intervene.

The almost incredible absurdity quoted in the headline above illustrates the thick-headedness of the apparatchik class which is now in control of our lives; it also highlights the extent to which they are divorced from reality.

THE PUBLIC, from long and bitter experience, is well aware of all this. It will continue to behave rationally, hence the reaction of normal businessmen that they will move "underground."

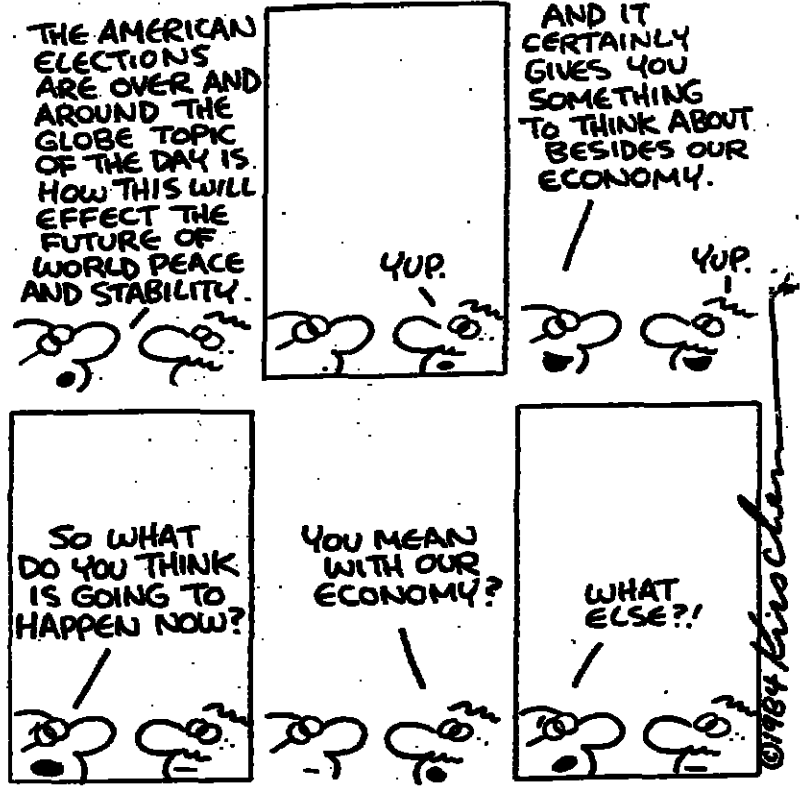
As in Communist countries, the official economy will be reflected in the official statistics, while more and more black markets open up to allow the supply of goods and services to match the demand for them.

Returning to the monetary side of the package deal, it should now be clear how the second possibility - that it doesn't work - will become reality in due course.

Once the general public understands that the official figures bear no relationship to reality, and that the dollar is being artificially supported to back up the cheap-money system, they will know what to do.

"Aha," they will say, "this is what Aridor did in 1982 and 1983, making the dollar ridiculously cheap. We know what happened then, and we will take full advantage of the opportunity to have a second bite of the apple. We will buy dollars, and if we

Dry Bones



can't get them legally we will get them from other sources."

Once that happens, the rest of the process is too well-known to warrant repeating.

The fourth reason that the package deal is doomed to failure is also understood by almost every school-child. It is that inflation of the magnitude we are suffering cannot be dealt with by gradualist measures. It must be stopped overnight. That is how every major inflation in this century has been eradicated. It is extremely unpleasant, but it is the price that countries so afflicted have to pay for the cowardice of their political leaders in not tackling the problem in its early stages. That is why this package deal, like its predecessors - and like every half-baked scheme for dealing with inflation over the past 12 years - will fail.

There is no alternative to the overnight solution. The fact that all the politicians say it cannot be done is utterly irrelevant. It can be done. The main sufferers, however, would be that very same class of apparatchiks. They would be among the first to lose their jobs if such drastic action

were taken, for they are essentially non-productive. That is why they say, through the mouths of the politicians who are supposed to be their masters, that it cannot be done.

IN PLAIN TERMS, what this means is that we must move to dollarization now. Total and complete dollarization, a la Aridor. At the same time, we must abolish all the bureaucratic restrictions on private initiative and enterprise that are the main causes for the lack of growth and investment.

There will be very heavy unemployment, no doubt, but there will be hope as well. If the apparatchiks are allowed to destroy the economy, there will only be unemployment; no hope.

On a day when the Americans are re-affirming their belief in the free-enterprise system that has made them great, it is strange that we should be turning our currency into another type of Polish zloty and our economy into a centralized bureaucracy.

The writer is the finance reporter of The Jerusalem Post.

Misguided meddling

By AMNON DOTAN

ALL ISRAEL was singing the song "Nasser is waiting for Rabin" during the tense weeks that preceded the outbreak of the Six Day War. Today, the occupied West Bank awaits Yitzhak Rabin's moves as the defence minister in the new government of national unity.

Rabin has consistently supported the peace process and the encouragement of anti-PLO Palestinian moderates who believe in a political settlement with Israel. But some Labour Party colleagues in the cabinet are trying to preempt his prerogatives and steer policy in a different direction.

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal has suggested that municipal elections be held again in the West Bank, although pro-PLO figures attained office in the elections that were held in 1976 at the urging of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, then the defence minister.

Not to be outdone, Health Minister Mordechai Gur has even proposed the re-instatement of the pro-PLO mayors voted in under Peres but dismissed in summer 1982 by civil administration chief Prof. Menachem Milson.

Meanwhile, several top members of the National Guidance Committee, a PLO-surrogate banned in 1982, have been conducting organized political activity within the West Bank universities and through pro-PLO organizations there. Established at the end of 1978, the committee served as the PLO's command in the West Bank and worked to stymie any efforts by other Palestinians to organize politically in support of the peace process.

The Israeli authorities in the West Bank have so far issued repeated warnings to the committee's members about their political activities.

Furthermore, pro-PLO figures

were involved in the Palestinian delegation that just returned from a visit to the U.S. on the invitation of the mysterious Business Group for Middle East Peace and Development, to discuss that group's plans for promoting the welfare of the West Bank population.

This delegation was not composed of ecological and other experts yearning to enhance the quality of life. Actually, all its members are political figures clearly identified with the PLO at various levels.

The final composition of the delegation, and the removal of all pro-Jordanian figures on the original list, was the work of Dr. Tobi Baranki, the acting president of Bir Zeit University. Baranki is believed to act on the orders of university president Hana Nasser, a member of the PLO Executive, who was expelled from the West Bank by the authorities. Baranki could not join the delegation because of a student strike, and the Bir Zeit group was represented by Dr. Issam Awartani.

THE DELEGATION included Haidar Abd el-Shaafi, the chairman of the Red Crescent Society, who is also a representative of the Refusal Front in Gaza and a member of the National Guidance Committee. Other members were the known PLO partisan Ibrahim Matar, who advises welfare and charity organizations active in the West Bank, as well as the known pro-PLO extremist Dr. Salah Bustani, head of the West

Bank Medical Association.

Yet another participant was Dr. Shauli Harb, a Ramallah surgeon who in 1981 declared on television in the U.S. (on ABC's Twenty-Twenty programme), "All the babies are dying from a substance in the respiration apparatus." What other canards against Israel might such figures have spread through the American media during their visit?

If this were not enough, the delegation was reinforced in the U.S. by the former secretary of the National Guidance Committee, the Communist Ibrahim Dakkak of Jerusalem. Although Dakkak had been subject to an order restricting him to Jerusalem, he was allowed to go to the U.S. on a PLO political mission at the invitation of an American group for human rights in the territories that includes PLO lobbyists.

Given the fortuitous "coincidence" of Dakkak's visit with that of the delegation, it was only natural that he was invited to join the discussions with Prof. Stephen Cohen of the City University of New York, whose Institute for Middle East Peace and Development acts as an agent for and technical adviser to the American group that had invited the delegation.

Dakkak's freedom of movement is subject to the authority of the Ministry of Interior, and this portfolio is now held by Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Peres, it seems, would now allow the National Guidance

Committee leaders to return to the West Bank municipalities under the slogan of "liberalization."

NO ONE can doubt the desirability of a liberal society or the necessity to improve the economic infrastructure of the occupied territories in order to remedy the disgraceful situation where the Palestinians there serve as the Jewish State's hewers of wood and drawers of water. But any West Bank economic initiative should also facilitate a political initiative by those Palestinians who are willing to take the road of peace and stand up against the PLO. Nothing should be done to encourage the extremists in the manner of the recent initiative or to facilitate Israeli annexation.

There are many pro-Jordanian figures in the West Bank. Is not even one of them involved in economic development and the welfare of the inhabitants? Was not one of them suitable for the delegation? Among the moderates passed over were Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, Nadim Zaro, and Hikmat el-Masri, all of whom were also thrown out of the National Guidance Committee.

The departure of such a delegation could be taken to imply Israeli legitimization of the extremist, pro-PLO leaders in the West Bank. They could present themselves in America as the sole, legitimate representatives of the West Bank Palestinians, even though the latter did not choose them. There is only small comfort in the denial of permission for the participation of the deposed mayor of

Hebron, Mustafa Nabi Natshe.

Therefore it is not surprising that King Hussein, with whom Peres supposedly wishes to negotiate, viewed the whole affair as a real danger and quickly sent urgent signals to Washington. Jordan's strong reaction only underlined Hussein's understanding of the West Bank situation, as well as the misguided meddling of Israeli circles who have neither the experience nor the authority for such activity.

In any event, Defence Minister Rabin has expressed unequivocal and strong opposition to leaving the PLO with a monopoly over Palestinian politics. He told the daily *Yedioth Aharonot*, "From Israel's viewpoint, the establishment of a Palestinian factor that opposes the PLO is vital for moving the peace process forward" (issue of March 12, 1984).

Consequently, Rabin and his coordinator for the West Bank, Shmuel Goren, have approved the establishment of a bank there under the pro-Jordanian Zaafer al-Masri of Nabulus. However, the contacts with pro-PLO figures maintained by certain Israeli circles are hampering the Defence Ministry's efforts.

There can be no doubt that Rabin's policy for the territories is diametrically opposed to the approach of those who would preempt his authority.

Despite the urgency of the Lebanese imbroglio and the paring of the defence budget, Defence Minister Rabin, who is concerned about promoting the peace process, will not be able to treat the administration of the occupied territories as a marginal issue open to poaching by ambitious colleagues.

The territories are, indeed, waiting for Rabin.

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS FEWER people filed for divorce in Britain last year, but that may only reflect a steady decline in marriages over the past 20 years, legal sources said.

Statistics from the Office of the Lord Chancellor, the senior law officer for England and Wales, showed petitions for divorce dropped by 5,000 in 1983 to 168,428, their lowest level since 1979. But one in three marriages still ends in divorce.

Three out of four petitions were filed by wives. Unreasonable behaviour by a spouse and adultery rated as the main motives for seeking legal separation.

Britain has one of the highest divorce rates in the world. In 1982, the last year for which figures were available, 342,000 couples were wed. In the same year, 147,763 divorces were granted.

The latest figure for divorce petitions filed compares with 54,036 in 1968, the year before the Divorce Reform Act was brought in to make divorce easier.

PS BEFORE the computer took over, the income tax people would acknowledge receipt of an annual income report in about two weeks. But now...

We mailed our report on August 29, and having heard nothing from them for five weeks, we wrote them on October 23 asking whether they had received it.

Their reply dated October 21 and postmarked October 25 arrived on November 1, on one of those little handwritten memo slips. "The acknowledgement," it said, "will be sent directly by the computer, in the near future."

The computer will, no doubt, also apologize for (1) the delay, and (2) the failure of the clerk to apologize for his delay in replying. A.R.

PS SIX THIEVES in Rio de Janeiro recently carried out a daring daylight robbery of an apartment building while a gang member serenaded victims with classical music on a guitar.

The police chief of Rio's 25th precinct said the armed men invaded an apartment building early one morning and captured residents one-by-one as they were leaving for work. The victims were locked in a storage room while the robbers ransacked their apartments, he said.

"One of the thieves picked up a guitar and played Franz Liszt's *Liebestraume* for half an hour to calm the victims, according to the testimony we heard," he said.

The thieves took an estimated \$8,000 worth of cash, jewels, television sets and stereos from six apartments.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE ORTHODOX BATTLEFIELD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - The headline in The Jerusalem Post of November 1, "Reform rabbi urges boost for Zionist Orthodox yeshivot," does not fully reflect the context of the discussion during the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting on October 31.

After having heard a report on the work of the World Zionist Organization Department of Torah Education, two members of the Board asked if the Jewish Agency gave financial support to non-Zionist and anti-Zionist yeshivot. When the responses to the question were non-committal, I asked for the floor in order to articulate my convictions, which are as follows: I believe that Zionist Orthodox educational institutions are a vital preservative force in Jewish life and therefore deserving of full support. Conversely, I am adamantly opposed to Jew-

ish Agency support of those anti-Zionist yeshivot which do not recognize the State of Israel, oppose military service in defense of the State and refuse to permit the observance of Israel Independence Day or the singing of Hatikva.

The Jewish people is in a struggle to define its character. A major battlefield in this struggle is not between Orthodoxy and Reform or between the religious and the secular, but within Orthodoxy itself. There it is the obligation of the Zionist Orthodox leadership to draw the battlelines clearly. They should more vigorously and openly oppose the anti-Zionist Orthodox movements and institutions whose increase in numbers and influence threaten to overwhelm enlightened Orthodoxy. Similarly, they should more forcefully denounce the unholy alliance between political radicalism and religious fanaticism now

gaining momentum within the ranks of Orthodoxy.

The struggle for survival of the Jewish people is not only against the enemies from without, but also against the enemies within. The religious anti-Zionists in our midst pervert rather than preserve Jewish values. The teachers of Torah who become preachers of terror distort Judaism and derail the Zionist mission.

The Jewish Agency - World Zionist Organization framework should use the limited resources of the Jewish people for purposes of advancing our common cause: "Zion shall be redeemed in justice and those who return to her with righteousness" (Isaiah 1:27).

Rabbi RICHARD G. HIRSCH
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Jerusalem.

RADIO PROGRAMME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - The following appeared in The Jerusalem Post radio programme for October 18: "20.06 Shulamit Aloni - a biblical musical by Yehiel Mohar and Moshe Vilensky."

I switched on in breathless expectation, but - alas! - the Shulamit in question turned out to be a different lady, and not the controversial Knesset member who is so often in the news.

Jerusalem. MISHA LOUVISH

Tel Aviv. CELINA FEDER

TV SPORTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - I cannot help but wonder if the Israel TV Authority hasn't gone completely berserk over football (soccer).

On Thursday, Saturday and Sunday night, we see and hear all about football in Israel, England, Germany, Portugal, France, Holland and practically any other corner of the globe where football is played and relayed by satellite. Just how much football can a viewer watch? And what interest does the majority of the population have in football in Germany or France for example?

At the same time, there was the Israeli national tennis competition

with some excellent local and foreign players. Viewers were not shown anything at all of this competition. It was not even mentioned on TV.

When any tennis is shown, which is very seldom, the norm for Israel TV is to broadcast about 60 seconds of a match. I would like to point out that, as far as sports are concerned, more Israelis play tennis than any other sport in this country. Surely the tennis-playing Israelis who pay their TV licensing fees are entitled to be taken into consideration when sports programmes are planned.

DAN BARAK
Tel Aviv.

PANACEA FOR MISMANAGEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - Guess who said this: "The first panacea for a mismanaged nation is inflation of the currency; the second is war. Both bring a temporary prosperity; both bring a permanent ruin. But both are the refuge of political and economic opportunists."

You guessed it, Papa Hemingway in *Notes on the Next War*, - way back in 1935. Makes you think, don't it?

WIM VAN LEER
Jerusalem.

OFFENSIVE TERM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - At the Hakafot in Hebron, Minister Ariel Sharon predicted that "Jews would be living there thousands of years in the future."

Hitler coined the term *tausendjahrige Reich* (the thousand year Reich). While we have the right to hope for a secure, prosperous and long-lasting future, we should refrain from repeating concepts of one of the most cruel Jew haters.

I shiver when I read it.

HANNA SCHÖLER
Jerusalem.

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